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Everyone at The GEM wishes all our readers and advertisers a peaceful and happy Christmas with all good fortune in the New Year. We are now taking a short break and will not publish next week. We will see you all again on January 6th, 2011!

ANGER OVER REGENERATION 'SECRECY' 'PORTHCAWL MAY DECLARE UDI!' 'On brink of revolt' against BCBC...

A WARNING has been given by a Porthcawl town councillor that Porthcawl is "on the brink of revolt" over the way in which townspeople are being treated by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) over the Porthcawl Regeneration Strategy.

Coun Sean Aspey was one of three people ejected from a meeting of the Porthcawl Regeneration Forum last week.

The councillor was present, together with two members of the Porthcawl Regeneration Open Discussion Forum, a group set up on

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

Facebook with more than 400 members.

This was the first forum meeting since revelations in The GEM that BCBC received £7m from the sale of land in the town to developers acting for Tesco.

We also revealed that of the £6.5m profit from this sale, only £1.8m will come to council taxpayers - the rest, amounting to £4.7m, will go to the Evans families, who own or control about 20 per cent of the land holdings in the regeneration area.

This deal was agreed at a secret session of Bridgend's cabinet with details on "pink papers" which are confidential.

In the public part of

the meeting, it had been stated that the split of profits between the council and the Evans families would be 60-40 in favour of the council, but this deal, which covers the first part of phase one, works out at a split of 70-30 in favour of the private landowners.

A council spokesman argued that, overall, the council would still end up with 60 per cent, because of an increased share of profits from later phases.

However, critics point out that the deal struck with the Evans families is for 20 years, and some later phases of the regeneration may take 20 years to come to fruition, if at all.

The profits have been split in this way, favouring the Evans families, at a time when the council is having to make massive savings in all departments and is considering cost-cutting measures, such as closing libraries and switching off half the borough's street lights.

There is no indication at this stage what increase council taxpayers will face next April.

Coun Sean Aspey said that in the light of these revelations, he decided to go along to the forum meeting, as it was the first one to take place since July.

Two members of the Facebook group were also there: Coun Aspey said: "We were asked to leave."

"I was astonished, as I am an elected councillor. The chairman, Coun David Sage, asked the members of the forum if we could stay but the vote went against us."

"I am annoyed because I was elected by the people of Porthcawl to represent them, whereas those voting to

throw me out represent nobody but themselves."

Bodies represented on the forum include SHOUT, Sustainable Wales, The Civic Society, the Chamber of Trade and voluntary groups.

Coun Aspey said: "I am beginning to feel very frustrated and angry."

"The town council has been kept totally in the dark over regeneration."

"We have been bypassed by the borough council, which has never asked us our views on what should happen. We may have representatives, but they seem to be sworn to secrecy about what's going on."

"We had to read in The GEM what's happening to our money."

Mr Aspey, who belongs to the Facebook group, said that there were some revealing comments being made at the moment.

"The truth is that everyone is being kept in the dark and it's not good enough. What the council does now will have to be lived with by people in this town for the next 100 years."

"We must have some say in what's going to happen."

He pointed out that the council last held a public meeting in 2007.

"We have had two prime ministers since then and the world has moved on."

Coun Aspey warned that there was serious unrest in the town, which was ready to boil over.

"People have serious reservations about whether BCBC is acting in the best interests of Porthcawl. The borough council should be getting as much feedback as possible, but nobody is being consulted."

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It's 'snow' fun this weather!



ABOVE: The snow isn't a hassle for everyone, so these girls were enjoying the fresh snowfall over the weekend. (Photo by Mandy Thomas. See page 18 for more pictures).

Council puts free school bus service under review - again

AN in-depth investigation is under way in Bridgend into the thorny issue of free school buses - Jayne Isaac reports.

At the moment, providing 'free' buses costs council taxpayers in the borough more than £5m a year.

The cabinet has asked the Children's Directorate to look at all the issues involved, including those of transport for nursery aged pupils, transport for pupils aged 16 to 19 and altering the qualifying distances for free buses.

Bridgend operates a more generous policy than it is required by law to do. At the moment, buses are provided free for primary pupils living more than a mile from school, and secondary pupils living more than two miles.

These distances could be brought into line with

the statutory limits, which are two miles and three miles respectively, if a decision was taken to save money.

But the whole topic of free school buses is mired in political controversy. Attempts some years ago by Bridgend County Borough Council to increase the qualifying distances resulted in huge protests from parents throughout the borough and the council backed off.

The subject has been put under the microscope by the Children and Young People's overview and scrutiny committee, which has just submitted its findings on Home to School Transport to the cabinet.

The committee has already made some recommendations to cabinet, which were reported to the meeting in November 2009.

The new recommendations have been made

against a backdrop of the public spending cuts and the increased pressure on the council budget.

Updates on all the issues raised by the scrutiny committee were also included in the report to cabinet last week.

The committee has expressed concern that nursery pupils aged three and rising to four, were travelling on school buses where there was only one escort.

Members questioned the associated risks and the health and safety considerations involved.

In its response, the directorate said that transport for nursery pupils is discretionary and pupils were accommodated on existing buses for primary pupils.

It is not envisaged that extra escorts will be provided for nursery pupils.

The committee has recommended that the cabinet give further consideration to its previous recommendations.

These include:

- Bringing in charges for pupils who may lose their free buses instead of just withdrawing the buses. Work should be done to see what parents would be willing to pay.

The directorate said that officers have calculated the full economic fare for a place on a school bus. This option will be explored in future consultation on proposed changes to the council's school bus policy.

- Rationalising the routes conveying children with special educational needs. This is being reviewed at present.
- Raising concerns

about the impact of changes to primary school transport provision, especially as this will have the greatest effect on the Welsh medium and faith schools.

Officers stated that this was recognised and work was being done to quantify the effect. These schools have larger catchment areas than others and most pupils qualify for free school buses at present.

There are concerns about the effect on pupils aged 16 to 19 if their free transport is withdrawn. The committee fears it will discourage pupils from staying on in school.

The committee has stated that if there is to be a change in provision, the "least unpalatable" measure might be increasing the qualifying distances to the statutory norm for secondary pupils.

Officers point out that there is no statutory requirement to provide any transport for pupils aged 16 and over.

An assisted travel scheme could be brought in to give free transport to pupils in receipt of free school meals.

The officers pointed out that, in view of the reduction in the council's budget because of spending cuts, they were reviewing all areas of expenditure, to present options to cabinet for budget reductions.

School buses constitute a "significant" area of expenditure and officers are currently updating and extending the analysis of the current position, and the impact of possible options for the future.

Porthcawl Lions' Boxing Day fun run

"IT'S 38 furlongs, it starts at 11am at the Hi Tide, on Boxing Day, and it's in aid of the NSPCC!" said Lions' president, Ralph Anslow, adding that the Porthcawl fun run was open not only to trained athletes, but to the fittest runner or even walker.

"This is an ideal way to run off that turkey and Christmas pudding," commented Lion Rhys Lewis.

Runners can enter by going to the Porthcawl Lions' website at porthcawllions.org or by telephoning Rhys on 01656 772369.

Porthcawl Lions had their Christmas party at the Atlantic Hotel, where the cabaret produced by and starring the ladies of the club

was very well received. Mr Anslow said: "I have never seen so many nuns in one place - and in such good voice!"

In the past year, Porthcawl Lions have distributed more than £14,000 to local causes, such as KPC Youth, Porthcawl Stroke Club, Rest Bay Lifeguards, Porthcawl Crossroads, and others.

Cash has also gone to national charities, including the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes, Breast Cancer Care Cymru, Parkinsons UK, and to international appeals, such as the Pakistan Floods.

Porthcawl Lions welcome new members, male and female. Anyone interested should telephone Don on 01656 788583.

David Richards

MAESTEG ROBBERY: witness appeal

POLICE in Maesteg are appealing for witnesses to an attempted robbery at the Londis Store on Lwyndarth Road, Maesteg, at about 8.30pm on Wednesday, December 15.

Two men entered the shop and one threatened the owner with a screwdriver before leaving with nothing. Both were arrested by police officers outside the shop.

Two men, aged 34 and 43 from the Maesteg area, have been charged with attempted robbery and have been remanded in custody.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to this incident. Contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The tea party tradition continues in Porthcawl!



Report and pictures
by
KEITH E MORGAN

RIGHT
Coun Barbara Stubbs with some of the guests.

A TOTAL of 18 of Porthcawl's oldest residents recently enjoyed a special afternoon tea – courtesy of an unusual local tradition.

The Jenkin Henry tea party is named after a Porthcawl man who was born in Newton in 1833.

He emigrated to Australia and made his fortune as a weighbridge owner and later, an adjuster of weighbridges.

As a wealthy business man, Jenkin resided in the prosperous suburb of Carlton where he married late in life to Ann Edmonds, a widow 13 years his senior. This union, however, did not produce any children.

He never forgot Porthcawl and when he died at the ripe old age of 86, he left several bequests to organisations in the Town.

One legacy included £200 to be invested by the then Porthcawl Urban District Council with directions that the interest accrued each year was to be distributed at Christmas.

The above legacy automatically passed to Porthcawl Town Council on its formation in 1974. Subsequently, the interest has been used each year to provide a Christmas Tea in The Rest Convalescent Home for the 20 oldest residents of the town who were actually born in Porthcawl.

In memory of its benefactor, the event is called the Jenkin

Henry Tea.

This year, the guests were first entertained to a singalong of carols and popular songs with Michael Boyle on the keyboard.

After, they were treated to tea during which the Deputy Mayor, Coun Barbara Stubbs, presented each of the following guests with a Christmas card from the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmett-Lewis, and a plaque to commemorate the occasion:

Also on hand to assist with the entertainment and tea were Mr Bill Stubbs, consort to the deputy mayor; Coun David Newton-Williams, Coun Shaun Aspey; together with town clerks Alison Leyshon and Sarah Watkins.



ABOVE (left to right): Debbie Jones (Macmillan fundraising manager); Sue Wilkins; Steve Humphreys; Liz Cole; and Caroline Tranter.
(Photograph by Keith E Morgan).

Bank staff remember their friend and colleague

STAFF of Barclays Bank, Porthcawl, friends and colleagues of the late Sue Humphrey, held their annual quiz night at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl, in

her memory.

The night was organised by Caroline Tranter, manager of Barclays Bank, Porthcawl, and the quiz was written by Sue Wilkins, a colleague. The event was sup-

ported by more than 90 staff and friends and Sue's husband, Steve. With the proceeds of the quiz and raffle, a total of £1,040 was raised on the evening.

This was match funded by Barclays to give a grand total of £2,080.

A cheque for this amount was presented to Liz Cole, area fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer in

Bridgend.

Liz said that she was delighted with the support that the fund receives from Barclays, Porthcawl.

This is the third year that the event has been run and every year, an amazing amount of money is raised, which makes a huge difference to supporting local people effected by cancer.

Welcome on the mat as pupils help out police!

MAESTEG Neighbourhood Policing Team has had welcome help to implement the annual South Wales Police Christmas anti drink and drug driving campaign.

It has been working in partnership with the Cynllun pupil scheme and police community support officer Bella Rees to create over 20 different designs of anti-drink drive beer mats as part of their Road Safety studies.

The mats, funded by Bridgend Safety Partnership, have been manufactured and delivered as part of the campaign package to public houses throughout the Llynfi Valley.

PCSO Bella Rees said: "Drink and drug driving is one of the primary focuses for South Wales Police during the festive period and it is fantastic to see the young people so keen to help and support the police campaign."

"I hope that seeing the mats which have been designed by sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends will have a big impact on potential drink and drug drivers and make them think twice about taking such an unnecessary risk."

"I want to thank the pupils for doing their bit in making sure Christmas remains a happy time without the tragedy often caused by drink and drug driving and above all I would like to thank them for helping us to Keep South Wales Safe."



PCSO Bella Rees with some of the beer mats designed by Llynfi Valley youngsters.

Window dressing results

THE wisdom of Solomon was called for when the judges of the Bridgend Christmas window dressing competition were touring the town centre.

There were many worthy contenders, but in the end they awarded six prizes to the following businesses:

Dolland and Aitchison, Nolton Street; H and T Morris Butchers, Dunraven Place; Aroma Coffee shop, Dunraven Place; Charleez Fancy Dress, Market Street; Claire Lois and Cameo Clothing, both in Bridgend market.

Each winner received £40 and a certificate from Bridgend Town Mayor Barbara Parish at a ceremony in the council chamber.

Broadband: 'follow Colwinston's lead'

LAST week's letter from the chairman of Colwinston's community council about broadband is very disconcerting.

For a long time, broadband providers gave Colwinston people the explanation that Colwinston was small and far from the exchange, hence things could not be expected to work as advertised, but people soon realised that they were being sold short.

The way the chairman's letter describes these events is regrettable.

He could have described the raising of the problem in the Assembly by Chris Franks AM as a contribution to a cross-party

effort to get something done and point to the consensus across coalition and opposition members.

However, the tone of his description is inimical to making much of such a potent alignment of the public and their representatives.

In the new year, GEM readers are going to hear from London time and again that they live in a small country which is not conveniently accessed, so they should not expect too much.

They should follow Colwinston. First, do not permit such explanations, but be very careful about the moves to be made thereafter.

Coun Wynford Bellin, Colwinston

Snow and ice affect borough recycling and waste services

POOR weather and dangerous, icy conditions have severely affected waste and recycling collections across the borough.

Bridgend County Borough Council has now taken the difficult decision to suspend ALL its collections this week, up to and including

Christmas Eve. The authority apologises for the inconvenience this will cause.

Residents are asked to avoid putting out their recycling boxes or landfill sacks this week and to store them until their next scheduled collection date.

The council and its partners May Gurney have made special arrangements to ensure

your weekly recycling and fortnightly landfill sack waste should still be collected on YOUR USUAL DAY over the Christmas and New Year holidays but this will depend on the weather.

Only put landfill sacks out if it is the scheduled collection day.

The safety of residents and collection crews will be our priority when deciding whether it is possible to send out our heavy refuse vehicles.

Please continue to check the council's website on www.bridgend.gov.uk, for details and listen to 106.3 Bridge FM for updates before putting out your waste and recycling. The council's four civic amenity sites are currently open.

Coun John Spanswick, cabinet member for communities, said: "This was a very difficult decision to make, especially around Christmas, when we are well aware that households generally have more recycling and waste."

"I have no doubt this will cause a great deal of inconvenience but hope that residents will understand why we have needed to do this."

"The weather conditions are dreadful and although our highways teams are doing a fantastic job salting our primary routes, the refuse and recycling vehicles are very heavy and there is a significant risk of them sliding."

"We simply cannot risk the safety of residents and their property by sending the trucks out."

"We have had many residents calling us to tell us not to risk coming out and we are enormously grateful for this sensible, patient and understanding approach."

"We will do our best to resume services next week, including the bank holidays, but check the website and listen to Bridge FM before putting out your recycling and waste to avoid it going uncollected."

(SEE ADVERT ON PAGE 5)

Passengers an inconvenience?

IS Cardiff Airport in some sort of competition to be the most 'passenger unfriendly' airport in the world?

First there was the charge to use the pick up/drop off points, now there is the two pound 'non refundable' charge for baggage trolleys. Many overseas visitors will not have any British coins with them.

Margaret James tries

to make out this is an improved service. How is charging for what was a free service an improvement? She talks about new improved trolleys – I never found any problems with the old ones.

It seems that Cardiff Airport sees passengers as some sort of inconvenience that should be discouraged if at all possible.

D Andrews

CYNFFIG PUPILS THRILL WITH JOSEPH AND THAT AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

CYNFFIG Comprehensive School's Christmas production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, had its own review written into the title – *Amazing, Technicolour and an absolute Dream.*

Over the years, the school has produced some spectacular musicals but this year's production, with some extraordinary and professional standard performances from the talented cast, surpassed even their best.

This show worked beautifully on every level and the energy, excitement and sheer sense of fun was infectious for a spellbound audience.

The following young actors have to be singled out for their performances. Dan Urch, playing the role of Joseph, was simply incredible.

Joe Jones as Jacob is a natural comedian of warmth and wit. Among the grace, style and split-second polish of the dancers, Emily Perry stood out as a star in the making.

Choreography is not always as good as it could be in school productions, but here it was slick and as sharp.

The brothers were played by Geraint Sibley (Mr Tango), David Edwards, Levi Jenkins, Liamara Collier, Leah Fox, Kelsie Dewar, Charlotte Urch, Bethany Browning, James Biggs, Bronte and Bronwen O'Neil and the Wives were played by Jenna Dingle, Steph Phillips, Megan Evans, Laura Underhill, Aimee Stone, Kim Rowbotham, Natasha Dykstra, Hollie Tossell, Kayleigh Harris and Jess Williams.

They all shone as members of a true company cast.

Emily Jehu, Leah Fox, Kelsie Dewar, Levi Jenkins, and Bethany Browning were also the multiple narrators and the doubling up of their roles showed the strength of direction in this show.

There were special guest appearances by Mr Phil Rogers as Potiphar and Mr Darran Williams as the Pharaoh (via Graceland) and their hilarious performances got the laughs they deserved.

Lauren Lewis as Mrs Potiphar, with Arianwen Rees and Amber O'Brien as attendants, injected glamour, style and sophistication into the show, with newcomers James Thomas and Lewis Pritchard proving that this is a production with some effective comic moments.

Joseph is carried entirely by its music so a special mention must go to the superb quality of the performances of the cast and the choir under the musical direction of Mrs Bronwen Addicott and Mr Jonathan Whatley.

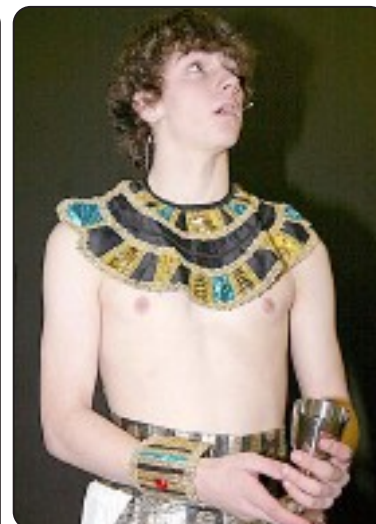
Once again, as in past triumphs, the show was brilliantly directed by Mrs Susan Shadis, supported by Miss Sarah Smith.

**RICHARD
SIMS**

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ABOVE:
'You can count on me!'



ABOVE: Dan Urch shone
in his portrayal of Joseph.



'Y'all come and see me in Memphis.'



ABOVE: Joseph and Pharaoh compare spray tans!

**CLlr.
DONNA DAVIES**
The Chair of
Brackla Community Council
on behalf of the Community
Council and fellow Councillors,
would like to wish all the
residents of Brackla a
**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.**

Mae Maer a Maeres
Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar
Ogwr, y Cynghorydd Colin a Gloria
Teesdale, yn dymuno Nadolig Llawn
a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i
bawb yn 2010

The Mayor and Mayoress of the
County Borough of Bridgend,
Councillor Colin and Gloria
Teesdale, wish everyone a
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year in 2010

Celebrations for Blaengarw's 10 years of pantomimes!

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event can be
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RECENTLY, the Blaengarw panto group celebrated its 10th anniversary with an 'Oscar' award ceremony.

The group was launched to raise funds for the Chernobyl Children's Lifetime and other local charities.

Over the years, they have raised more than £40,000 and hope to reach the £50,000 milestone with their 10th panto, entitled *Cinderella Happily Ever After* – from January 10-15 at the Blaengarw Working Men's Hall.

The awards went to:
Best actor – Garry Sage; **best actress** – Lana Laidler; **funniest script moment** – Kevin Jones; **best costume** – Just fancy; **most shocking moment** – Andrew Redway; **best villain** – Lana Laidler; **best male character** – Garry Sage; **best female character** – Alana Swift; **best dames** – Don Sage and David Burnette; **up and coming star** – Greg Sage; **outstanding contribution** – Julian Jagiello and Andrew Redway; **best show** – Billy Turnaround.

RIGHT: Lana Laidler was best actress and best villain!



ABOVE: Garry Sage receives his best actor award from Emma Banks.



ABOVE: Kevin Jones receives his award from Coun David Sage.



ABOVE: David Burnett gets his Oscar from Coun Huw David.



ABOVE: Julian Jagiello receives his award from Ogmere AM Janice Gregory.



Mayor cuts cake for a 150th birthday...



ABOVE: Coun Emmment-Lewis cuts the birthday cake! (Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN).

THIS year, Welsh building society the Principality, celebrates 150 years since its inauguration. To mark the event, the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis, was invited along to the Porthcawl branch to cut the celebration cake.

Porthcawl Legion celebrates Poppy appeal success

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

THE Royal British Legion, Porthcawl branch's annual Poppy appeal concert raised the magnificent sum of £1,097 – proving once again to be a great 'launch event' for the fundraising drive.

At the recent annual general meeting, presentations of framed photographs taken at the concert, were made by Lt Col. Steve Rock, vice president of the Porthcawl branch, to standard bearer Beverly Mills, and David Philpot, MBE, who carried the Book of Remembrance.

At a meeting earlier this month, a special presentation of a framed photograph was made to Ruth Birch, chairman of the Porthcawl branch, by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis.

The gesture was in acknowledgement of her 12 months as chairman.

Ruth will be taking part in this year's Christmas Swim and the Porthcawl Lions' 38-furlong Boxing Day fun run to raise funds for the Poppy appeal.



ABOVE: Ruth Birch with Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis.



ABOVE: Beverley Mills receives her framed photograph.



Lt Col Steve Rock with David Philpot.

GOING FROM THE MIKADO TO MACMILLAN – a bumper £1,200 cheque!

THE Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis, attended Y Bwthyn Newydd on Tuesday evening, December 7, for a cheque presentation to 'We Are Macmillan Cancer Support' and to draw the annual raffle in support of this organisation.



ABOVE:

The formal handing over of a cheque for £1,201.95 to 'We Are Macmillan Cancer Support'. The money was raised by the Porthcawl Savoyards from their performance of 'The Mikado' held recently in The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

In the photograph are: Coun Mary Emmment-Lewis; Bobbie Lewis, consort to the Mayor; Erith Morgan, secretary; Frank Murphy, treasurer; Margaret Murphy, chairperson; Iorwerth Morgan, vice-chairman; Jeff Heatley, committee member. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan.)

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PISGAH CHAPEL WELCOMES YOUNG CHOIRS FOR JOINT CAROL SERVICE



Ysgol y Ferch O'r Sger School Choir.



ABOVE: Mynydd Cynffig School Choir



ABOVE: Crescendo Youth Choir, with musical director Philip Juliff.

Pencoed Primary picks up plaudit

PENCOED Primary is celebrating, after receiving national recognition for its effective use of ICT.

The school was commended for the high standards of work achieved by pupils, while staff were congratulated for their dedication and hard work to improve the use of technology across the whole school.

The ICT mark is an

accreditation scheme which is available across the UK and schools must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to using technology as a means of improving their overall effectiveness and efficiency.

Headteacher, Rob Lewis said: "Many thanks to all our staff, pupils, parents, local authority advisers and governors for helping the school to achieve another significant milestone."

PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEITH E MORGAN

THE annual carol service at Pysgah Chapel, Kenfig Hill, attracted a packed congregation to listen to local choirs.

Paying their part in the evening were Kenfig Hill Male Voice Choir, 'Crescendo', a youth choir, and school choirs from Mynydd Cynffig, Pil Primary, Cefn Cribwr, and Ysgol y Ferch O'r Sger.

Local organisations received a welcome early Christmas present, as money raised from events at the chapel throughout the year was allocated to good causes.

Receiving grants were: KPC Youth (£250); Kenfig Hill RFC mini rugby (£250); Cefn Boys and Girls Club (£100); Sker and Pink Bay Lifeguards (£100); Air Ambulance Wales (£500); Teenage Cancer Trust (£650); Macmillan Nurses (£300); British Lung Foundation (£200).



ABOVE: Pil Primary School Choir.

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VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE: Your Christmas and New Year recycling and waste arrangements

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and collection crews will be our priority when deciding whether it is possible to send out our heavy refuse vehicles.

Please continue to check the council's website www.bridgend.gov.uk, for details and listen to 106.3 Bridge FM for updates before putting out your waste and recycling. Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Christmas trees

Christmas trees can be recycled by taking them along to one of Bridgend County Borough's four civic amenity sites.



Christmas wrapping paper

The wrapping paper you use for your Christmas presents contains materials that make it currently unsuitable for recycling.

We are working on this, but in the meantime, could you please put all your wrapping paper waste in your landfill sack.

Food waste

You can recycle your turkey carcass and any other festive food waste by placing it in your kitchen food waste container ready for your recycling collection.

Remember ALL your food leftovers can be collected in the food waste container.

Cardboard boxes

Please flatten and fold your cardboard boxes and place them in your second black box along with your glass bottles and jars for collection. Large quantities of cardboard can be taken to one of Bridgend County Borough's four civic amenity sites to be recycled.

Christmas cards

All your old Christmas cards can be recycled by putting them in your second black box along with your cardboard and glass.

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For details on any of the council's recycling services, or for a free household waste guide giving details on how to live a greener life, please contact Bridgend County Borough Council 01656 643643.

NEW NEGOTIATIONS ON CURRENT LEASE ARRANGEMENT?

BRIDGEND COUNCIL TAKES FRESH LOOK AT KENFIG NATURE RESERVE

NEW ways of running the nature reserve at Kenfig are to be explored.

At the moment, the reserve is run by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) under a lease arrangement with the owners, who are the Kenfig Corporation Trust.

The council provides the wardens who patrol the 1,300-acre reserve, which is a haven for birds and plant life.

The reserve consists of the area around Kenfig Pool, plus a large area of dunes and wetlands habitat stretching down to the beach. It is

regarded as one of the finest examples of sand dune habitat in Europe.

The council also runs the centre on the reserve, which includes an exhibition area and toilets.

BCBC's cabinet received a report recently which stated that there was a need to improve the "quality of the visitor experience" at the reserve and centre and to ensure the reserve's future both financially and environmentally.

Kenfig, which is a National Nature Reserve, was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest in 1953 and, in 2006, it was further designated a

Special Area of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive.

It now has both national and international protection. The council, through its lease, is responsible for managing and conserving the features that are protected. This work is done in consultation with the Countryside Council for Wales through a management agreement with them.

The reserve has two car parks for visitors and employs three wardens and a manager who are based on the site. It is staffed seven days a week and also has a loyal team of volunteers who support them.

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It attracts about 100,000 visitors a year but only about 13,000 of these use the visitor centre.

A study has already been undertaken to see how Kenfig could be improved as a visitor attraction to make better use of the facilities there.

The report states: "It is recognised that the Kenfig visitor centre is not meeting its full potential and the overall experience of the visitor is falling short of contemporary needs and expectation."

"The current operation should become more visitor focused to meet these needs and in so doing, exploit the commercial opportunities that this approach will present."

The council spends £181,000 running the reserve each year although this is partially offset by income and grants of £48,000, leaving it making a net contribution of £133,000.

The report says that the staff at the reserve are mainly involved with managing the ecology of the reserve rather than managing the visitor attraction, marketing and retailing. But these skills are likely to be in demand in the future.

The CCW has also pointed out that, despite the high level of management, key features of the dune system are in danger of being lost permanently because of the encroachment of scrub.

The report goes on: "Clearly, the current management model is neither protecting the ecology of the reserve nor fulfilling its poten-

tial as a visitor attraction. Some fresh impetus is required to develop a sustainable future for the reserve."

It says that it is important to question whether the council has the necessary expertise in managing nature-based visitor attractions to make the necessary changes. It points out that many charitable organisations such as the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds), the National Trust and various wetland and wildlife trusts, have shown how valuable specialist expertise can be.

The cabinet was asked to approve further work being undertaken, in conjunction with the corporation, to develop alternative management options.

These could include seeking a suitably experienced partner organisation to undertake the management of the reserve on behalf of the council, or handing the reserve back to the corporation, which can appoint its own managing agent.

The 21-year lease of the reserve expires in 2020 but there is an option to relinquish it on December 31, 2013, provided two years written notice is given.

The cabinet was asked to approve serving this notice before December 2011, although it was emphasised that this in no way reduces the council's commitment to the reserve.

The council, in the meantime, will continue to manage the reserve

for two years while alternative options are developed.

If no viable alternative is found, the council could enter into a new lease with the corporation before the current one expires.

The council would also have to give notice to the CCW if it is going to relinquish its management of the reserve. Talks have been held with the corporation and further meetings are planned.

The cabinet has agreed to authorise officers to work with the corporation on alternatives and to serve the written notice on the corporation and to CCW if required.

Coun Jeff Tildesley, who is the longest serving member of the corporation, said that he was supportive of the moves.

"I have felt for a long time that the Kenfig Nature Reserve has been undersold. It is a unique facility but it does not get the profile that it deserves."

He contrasted Kenfig with Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust, which is run mainly by volunteers but which attracts much higher numbers of visitors.

"We need to maximise the income of the reserve to reduce the subsidy from BCBC," he added. "We have a shop at the centre but we need to attract people to go into the centre first."

"We are thinking of putting a café in there which would substantially increase footfall into the building."

"We need a proper

café and a shop where we can sell souvenirs and other things."

"That's the way to boost income and it may be possible to franchise the café and shop out and let a commercial provider run it on our behalf."

But Coun Tildesley emphasised that the council was not turning its back on the reserve and he welcomed the on-going commitment to it.

CCTV camera a question of cost...

THE cost of a portable CCTV camera for Porthcawl would be about £8,000 to purchase – plus annual maintenance.

There would also be a £1,000 annual charge for monitoring it, and a £200 cost each time it was moved.

This information was given to the town council by Insp Alan James, sector inspector for Porthcawl.

The town council has been considering whether or not to have a mobile CCTV camera for some time, so that it could be redeployed to problem areas when required.

This camera would not be monitored by existing CCTV staff 24-hours-a-day, but they would dial into it daily at specified times, when possible, as part of their monitoring of the entire CCTV network.

The camera would record onto a hard drive system which can be dialled into retrospectively to view footage at a given time and date.

This would be viewed by a police officer and member of CCTV staff.

If re-location was needed, staff from the BCBC CCTV unit would have to conduct a site visit to ensure that there was a suitable lamp post nearby, capable of accommodating the camera.

Insp James told the council that he did not know if this would be a feasible option in view of the on-going costs, and also the time needed for police officers, not PCSOs, to view retrospective footage.

The matter has been deferred by the town council.

Carol service honours the Porthcawl RNLI



ABOVE: Pupils from West Park Primary School prepare to sing carols by candlelight.



Porthcawl Mayor Coun Mary Emmet-Lewis with a young carol singer.

PHOTOS by KEITH E MORGAN

ALL SAINTS CHURCH in Porthcawl was the venue for the recent RNLI carol service.

The singing was led by Porthcawl Male Choir, and the congregation were also entertained by the children from West Park Primary School Choir.

In fact, the children helped give it a special Christmas atmosphere, by singing carols by candlelight outside the church!



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PACT meetings

NEWCASTLE PACT, Civic Offices, Angel Street on January 10, at 7pm.

MORFA TOW, Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street on January 10, at 6.30pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGWYDD AND BRYNHFRYD PACT, The Pavilion, Bryntirion Playing Fields, Park View on January 10, at 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT, The Community Hub, The Precinct, Wildmill on January 13, at 6.30pm.

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON AND MERTHYR MAWR PACT, Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on January 20, 2011 at 7pm.

BRACKLA PACT, Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, Brackla, Bridgend on January 27, at 6.30pm.

LITCHARD AND PENDRE PACT, Pendre Community Hall, Great Western Avenue on January 31 at 6pm.

COITY PACT, Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity on February 17, at 7pm.

AWAITING NEW DATES
OLDCASTLE PACT, The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School - TBA.
FELINDRE, HENDRE AND PENPYSYG (PENCOED) PACT, Welfare Hall, Heol Y Groes - TBA.

VA NEWMAN GLASS QUIZ LEAGUE RESULTS

Roche and Royals battle through to the next round

JUST two matches were played on Monday, the other 12 teams having byes through to the quarter-finals of the Cup and Plate competitions.

In the KO Cup, Cabo Roche won by 65-46 points and Tyrisha Royals had a successful visit to Llynfi Arms, winning 62-51.

In the Plate, Laleston Inn 'A' shaded an extremely close encounter by 66-63 and Oldcastle 'B' hit top form to beat Pheasant Gamekeepers 69-47.

Here are your weekly teasers:

1. In mythology, who was condemned to eternally roll a boulder up to the top of the hill only to see it roll down the other

side?

2. Who had a No 1 hit in June 1987 with 'Star Trekking'?

3. At the 2010 US Masters, which 60-year-old finished in a tie for 18th place?

4. Which motorway runs from Glasgow to Carlisle?

League matches resume after the Christmas break on Monday, January 10.

It just remains for me to wish you and all the hard-working people at The GEM a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A RUDGE (League Hon sec)

4. M 74.
3. Tom Watson.
2. The Firm.
1. Sisyphus.
ANSWERS:



ABOVE: The lucky ones who skipped school to go to the panto!

Panto time for Corneli pupils



**PHOTOS by
KEITH E
MORGAN**

EVERY year, the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, takes a coach full of children from a local school to see the pantomime in the Grand Pavilion.

This year, it was the turn of the children from Ysgol y Ferch O'r Sger, North Corneli. The pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk.

LEFT: Jeri-Lynne Grabham and Joshua Birch on the stage.

Heol-y-Cyw youngsters have a new playhouse!



AS The GEM reported last week, the young children at Heol-y-Cyw Primary School had an early Christmas gift – a new playhouse, after their old one had been vandalised earlier in the year. The children couldn't wait to try it out!

(Photographs by MANDY THOMAS (07974 518347 or www.mandythomasphotography.co.uk)



Concert date
I HAVE received confirmation that Bridgend Male Choir's Golden Jubilee Anniversary concert that was cancelled because of the inclement weather will now be taking place in the Tabernacle Chapel, Pontycymer, on the January 14 2011.

All the performers in the previous concert have confirmed that they will take part.

The choir has completed its 2010 concerts, but a few members were out last Friday evening as 'Singing Santas' helping the Bridgend Rotary Club raise money for the charitable causes it is supporting this year.

Horeb service

HOREB Baptist Chapel in Dinam Close, Nantymoel, will hold a special service on Friday, December 24 at 6pm to commemorate the birth of Christ.

Everyone will be welcome at the service and Pastor Chris Bluto can be contacted on 01443 675424

Christingle

ST DAVID'S Church, Bettws will hold a Christingle service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. On Christmas day, there will be a service at 10am.

Festive services

ST BRIDE'S church, Llansantffraid: On Christmas Eve there will be a midnight

mass service beginning at 11.30pm.

St John's Church, Aberkenfig: There will be a Christmas Day service at the church at 9am.

St David's Church, Wyndham: On Friday, Christmas Eve, there will be special crib service for children at 5pm, and a Midnight mass at 11pm. On Christmas day will have a service at 10am. Tondur Methodist



NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ
TEL: 01656 725399
email: tyncoed1@yahoo.co.uk

Wesley Church: There will be a Christmas Eve service at the church at 10pm.

The Ogmore Vale Primary School headteacher has reminded responsible adults of children at the school that the entry doors to the school are locked at 8.45am.

If pupils arrive after this time they must go to the reception area to ensure they have a registration mark for the day, and the class registers are actually closed before 9am.

The school will be closed on January 4-5 for inset days; school term begins on January 6.

I would like to wish all readers of this column a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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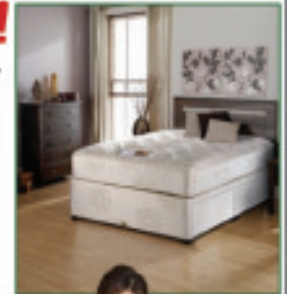
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BELOW: A tool kit bound for Africa.



CHRISTMAS is an important time for charities.

Many will use the festive season to launch fundraising appeals, while some (Operation Christmas Child for instance) are, by definition, linked closely to the spirit of Christmas.

The GEM would like to highlight the work of one group of volunteers who don't do anything different at this time of year, but who are the perfect embodiment of

the ethos of Christmas. 'Tools for Self Reliance' do something very simple. They collect old hand tools in the Vale and in Bridgend county borough – from Penarth to Port Talbot.

They refurbish those old tools until they are as good as new, and make up specialist tool kits, so that people in Africa can start their own businesses.

The local group who cover the Vale and Bridgend operate from a small workshop in

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

Porthcawl. They number about 12. They are retired and (at the moment) are all men. The result of their collection and reconditioning work is quite staggering.

By the end of this year, 70 refurbished sewing machines will have found their way to Africa, meaning that women in a poor village can form a co-operative and create their own business.

A total of 2,000 tools, all looking like new and made up into kits, will have gone from this area alone – and every pack means that a local man or woman can become a tradesman – because the parent organisation of Tools for Self Reliance ensures that they get the relevant training as well as the equipment.

The founder of the local group, John Hanson, has a sense of

pride in what he and his group have achieved – but that sense of pride extends to their own quality control.

He told The GEM: "When we send a tool kit out to Africa, we want it to look brand new."

"We are conscious of the fact that, for the man or woman who receives it, the day it arrives will be a special day. "When they open it, we want them to have that 'wow factor'."

There are so many garages and workshops in the Vale and Bridgend that must have old tools in them, whether they be automotive, carpentry, household, blacksmiths, or light engineering.

Ironically, the age is not that important, because so many of the famous names in tools are easily refurbished.

The only problem for John and his group is the relatively recent flood of very cheap tools from Taiwan, China and one or two other sources.

Even then, the group can reclaim the scrap metal value and use it to

cover their basic costs – which are pretty basic.

John said: "As volunteers, our running costs consist of wood for the fire in the workshop and cans of WD-40!"

Even the large work bench came free, as it was surplus to requirements at St Fagans museum!

The group need to fundraise, however, because they have to pay transport costs when tool kits are shipped to the parent organisation's despatch centre.

Local church groups have been a great help, together with very welcome donations from individuals and charitable groups.

They have their own range of Christmas cards too (currently on sale at SUSSSED in John Street, Porthcawl).

Any prospective volunteers need not feel that they have to be experts in DIY or the like. The present group is made up of men who made their living in all sorts of trades.

Bernard was a lorry driver, Rodney a train driver, Larry was an electrical engineer with

the RAF, while Ian was a woodwork teacher. Keith and Johnny were both engineers, while John himself was a Methodist minister, although he always had a passion for restoring old cars.

However, Brian, another Methodist minister, cheerfully admitted to being an absolute novice at anything practical, having spent his working life as a clerk.

It is a sad fact of life that people worry whether the money they give to improve life in the Third World does get to its intended target.

Bob Geldof recently had to force an apology from the BBC after allegations that Live Aid money had been diverted by warlords to buy arms.

As far as Tools For Self Reliance is concerned, their tool kits are guaranteed to find their way to their

intended recipient. The kits don't have much value to corrupt officials, but they are of huge value to the recipients, as it can set them on the way to a better life.

John Hanson told The GEM: "There are so many ways that people can get involved in this enterprise. We need volunteers for the workshop."

"We need fundraisers and people who can help with general administrative work, and we need volunteers to help with collecting tools – remember, we collect from Penarth to Port Talbot!"

Tools For Self Reliance – as the advert says, it does just what it says on the can!

Anyone wishing to help the group in any way can contact John Hanson on 01656 786367

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ABOVE: Ben Mackay at work

Lorna scoops WJEC award

WJEC is celebrating the achievements of its A level and Welsh Baccalaureate candidates, by awarding cash prizes and certificates to the highest achievers.

Winner of the English language and literature prize is Lorna Oakley from Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

She gained the highest marks of all the candidates who sat WJEC's A level English language and literature examinations in 2010, and will receive a certificate and prize of £50, together with a personal letter from Gareth Pierce,

WJEC's chief Executive congratulating her on such tremendous results.

"An outstanding achievement, and evidence of the hard work that you and your teachers put into preparing for the examinations," he commented.

Lorna enjoyed studying the subject with WJEC "because of the variety within the course" and being "encouraged to study a wide range of literary and non-literary texts."

She is currently completing a year-long art qualification but hopes to study English literature at university before embarking on a career as a book illustrator. CS

BEN MACKAY (17) a second year student, studying ND photography, at Bridgend College, undertook work experience at MoD St Athan to see at first hand what it is like to work in a military environment.

Ben spent the week in the photographic section with professional photographic officer, Derek Booth and photographer, Ray Edwards.

Derek (RAF) and Ray (Army) are ex-military photographers and both were instructors at the defence school of photography so ensured that Ben's week would be both informative and challenging.

Ben said: "I really enjoyed my time at St Athan. From the time I arrived on the Monday morning, everyone made me really welcome."

"As the week went on I found each day to be both increasingly difficult and rewarding."

On the final day Ben was asked to put into practice all he had learnt by taking a formal portrait of a senior officer. Ben rose to the chal-

lenge and despite any reservations, he was every inch the professional, making sure that his subject felt relaxed whilst he maintained control.

PPO Derek Booth concluded: "Ben has worked really hard whilst he has been here with us at St Athan."

"Whilst he arrived with a working knowledge of photography, it is fair to say nothing could have prepared him for the busy week that he has experience whilst he has been with us."

"Ben enthusiasm for photography has carried him through."

"He has been a keen and attentive student and had used this opportunity to investigate areas of photography that he would not have otherwise considered."

From formal military to quirky PR and everything in-between Ben tried them all and discovered that there is much more to being a photographer than just turning up to take a 'photo'.

Good photographic imagery determines how we see and interpret the world around us and beyond. JB



Cyclists use the bridge built using cement donated by Lafarge Cement UK's Aberthaw Works. Left - Mark Evans, executive director of Groundwork Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot, second left - James Kirkpatrick, works manager at Aberthaw.

Cementing friendship with Groundwork Bridgend!

LAFARGE Cement's Aberthaw works has donated a tonne of cement to local environmental charity Groundwork Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot, to help improve recreational facilities for young people in the area.

It has been used to construct an entrance bridge for

Groundwork's BMX track; a bridge to join to the Celtic Trail cycle track and also for a wall at the organisation's head office at Parc Tondy, Bridgend.

"This, along with an education resource centre, enables the organisation to engage with local young people and provide greater play facilities for use at evenings, weekends and during holidays," a spokeswoman explained.

PORTHCAWL TOWN COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

PORTHCAWL Town Council has had to pay £600 plus VAT for Lumalite, the firm supplying the Christmas lights in the town this year, to send someone to plug them in. Councillors heard that the switching-on costs were not included in the sum for providing the lights and each set of lights, has to be separately switched on at the lamp post.

PORTHCAWL Town Council is to investigate the cost of employing a traffic warden to patrol the streets of the resort. Councillors heard that BCBC is not planning to take up civil parking enforcement powers at the moment which means that only areas highlighted at PACT meetings will have parking restrictions enforced by police officers from January. PORTHCAWL Chamber of Trade has been thanked by Porthcawl Town Council for providing its nativity scenes which are placed at various vantage points around the town.

THE cost of the Christmas tree placed by BCBC on the Griffin Park roundabout was £220.

Porthcawl Town Council has agreed to pay this sum. The council also agreed to pay a maximum of £570 for a tree on the Newton Nottage roundabout, subject to highway safety consent.

Porthcawl chamber of trade has offered to pay £270 towards this tree, provided a sign outlining the joint partnership with the town council can also be placed there. This is being investigated.

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CRIB TRAIL GIVES A LITTLE EXTRA CHRISTMAS MAGIC IN PORTHCRAWL

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KEITH E MORGAN**

THIS year, five Christmas cribs have been placed around Porthcawl by the Porthcawl and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

This is a custom in the German and Austrian traditions, but the organisers believe that it is the only example in Wales.

The Lord of Kenfig, Lindsay Morgan, was inspired to put up the cribs when some years ago, he saw a Nativity scene in the window of Sidoli's restaurant opposite Griffin Park.

All five cribs were constructed by Chris Steins of the Shed and Fencing Centre, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle.

The two wood figures of Mary and Joseph in the Trinity Church Crib, were carved by Chris Woods of Wood Art Works, Newport.

Painting of the Three Kings and Shepherds (and other figures/characters) for all five cribs, were done by Jeff Evans, a technical illustrator.



ABOVE: The crib at Newton Green.



ABOVE: The crib outside Seabank Hotel, which was blessed by the Rev Martin Gillard following an open air carol service



ABOVE: The Sidoli's crib.



ABOVE: The crib at Trinity Church which was blessed by the Rev Paul Floe, after a short service.



ABOVE: The crib at St. John's Church, Newton was blessed by the Rector, Canon Philip Masson



ABOVE: The Trinity Church crib.



ABOVE: The crib at Nottage Green.



ABOVE: The crib at Griffin Park was blessed by Father Philip Millar of Our Lady Star of the Sea.



ABOVE:
The Nativity scene in the Griffin Park crib was designed by Newton Primary School, in particular by pupil Macsen Geiss, who was awarded a certificate by the Mayor of Porthcawl.



ABOVE: Crib on Nottage Green being Blessed by Canon Philip Masson.



ABOVE: The crib at the Seabank Hotel.

NEWS FROM THE LITCHARD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Christmas bazaar

OUR countdown to Christmas began with our school Christmas bazaar.

The junior department hall was filled with a wide variety of stalls, including books, toys, cakes, and a stall selling our own Litchard school calendar and a CD of the children singing a selection of Christmas songs - both make ideal Christmas presents!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers who came in to help, prepare and clean up, and for making the event run smoothly.

We are pleased to say that £200 (after expenses) was raised. A fantastic £2,000 was raised also by selling concert tickets, calendars, CD's and the raffle.

This money will all go towards funding activities for the children next year!

Green Flag

WE are pleased to announce that Litchard Primary School has been awarded a second Green Flag award, proving once again that we are an ECO friendly school.

The children of the ECO council, along with Miss Crump and Mrs Cronin have been working extremely hard over the past few months to ensure that Litchard Primary met the high standards required for such a prestigious award.

We are very proud of all the hard work and effort that was put in for the benefit of the whole school. Well done everyone!

Christmas concerts

THE children of the nursery and reception classes delighted

their audiences this year with their Christmas Nativity concert.

Despite many children absent, all the children performed brilliantly and remembered the songs and their lines!

A very big thank you to the mums and dads for the superb costumes and for coming to see the performance.

The Years 1-2 concert 'Christmas Kaleidoscope' was a very successful and enjoyable performance.

The pupils sang and spoke really well, although again many were unfortunately absent.

Aladdin and Jasmine's duet was very well received and on the Friday afternoon Daniel Morgan stood in at the last minute to perform as Aladdin was ill.

Thanks to all the mums and dads who helped with teas and coffees and, of course, everyone who helped make costumes and came to see the performance.

The four year groups of the junior department came together for their concert to perform a compilation of traditional, modern and international Christmas songs.

The children all sang and recited poems beautifully in both Welsh and English, really getting everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Choir evening

A VERY special concert took place with the school choir performing with Mr Williams' choir 'Meibion Y Machlud'.

We were treated to a wonderful rendition of 'Oes Gafn eto' with the school choir joining in on the 'Wen, wen, wen' part.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such an enjoyable evening.

Thanks Santa!

THE Nursery and Infant children were very excited to have a very special guest at their Christmas party. Thank you, Santa, for making their party extra special.

Christmas lunch

THANK you to the kitchen staff for the wonderful Christmas lunch provided for the children.

The infants had their lunch on December 2 and the junior children had theirs on December 9. It is such a huge task to cook for so many, and it is greatly appreciated by all the children.

Christmas sing-a-long

THANK you to everyone who attended our Christmas sing-a-long with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band on Sunday.

It was great to see Alan Bourne and the band back for the 21st time. This has become an annual fixture which sets the scene for Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who turned up to take part in, support and enjoy the event.

A special thank you to the staff who prepared and served the refreshments, and to Mrs Edmunds for making all those delicious mince pies. What a lovely start to Christmas!

Nursery visit

ON December 3, the Nursery children visited Brynagarw Country Park.

They thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas trail in the forest and the surprise visit from Santa!

Last week the Nursery children

were very well behaved as they walked to the postbox to send their letters to Father Christmas.

Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children on their superb achievements:- Milly Bayliss (Reception) - National Plan stage one swimming award, Lois Davies (Reception) - Duckling swimming award stages 3 and 4, Ashlyn Morgan (Reception) 50m Rainbow swimming award, Ioan Pett (Reception), Duckling swimming award stage 3, Alice Dowdall (Reception) - ASA Duckling Award Grade 3, Olivia Isaac and Abbie Davies (Miss Miller) both received Duckling 4 swimming awards, Caitlin Sanders (Miss Miller) Rainbow 10m and National Plan stage one swimming award.

Junior department

TYLER HURLEY 6S, completed a bike ride for Children in Need and raised £52. Elizabeth Dowdall (4H) ASA Water Skills Award Grade 3. Well done also to Jessica Craddock 6S and Megan Hamilton 6R who raised £68.50 for the Velindre Cancer Centre selling knitted Father Christmases.

Urdd swimming

CONGRATULATIONS to our Urdd swimming team which competed recently at Ynysawdre swimming pool. There were many individual and team wins and all children have received certificates and Urdd membership badges.

Urdd Jambori

ON February 2 pupils have the opportunity to take part in the

Urdd Jambori at the Recreation Centre.

It is a fun-filled occasion where local schools join together to sing Welsh action songs. It is hosted by Martin Geraint, a presenter on S4C. Don't miss it! If you haven't filled in your slip - send it in asap. The cost is £2.50, which includes transport.

Art club

CONGRATULATIONS to the first graduates of Litchard Primary Art Club: Porsha Roberts (2T), Shannon Jones (2P), Lucy Florence (2T), Bryony Llewellyn (2P), Tanneka Sedgebeer (2P), Ollie Donaghue (2T), Reece Brown (2T), Daniel Thompson (2P), Kieran Moyles (2P). A letter will go out in January to say when the next group will begin.

Panta visit

PUPILS from both the Infant and Junior Departments went to Porthcawl Pavilion on December 14, to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

This was a superb morning out and children and staff really enjoyed the show.

It was a mammoth task to organise this for so many pupils, and we would like to thank Mrs Gardiner for arranging the buses and organising this Christmas treat.

Lost property

PLEASE note that any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of over the Christmas holidays.

Lunch money

DINNER money for the first week back to school is for three days (£5.40).

If children have any outstanding credit on dinner money for days missed, please could you deduct it from this amount?

Unfortunately, if a school lunch has been ordered for your child and they go home after 11am, the lunch still has to be paid for as the food would have already been cooked.

House awards

ON December 16, we held a special assembly to award certificates and prizes for the top house point scorers and the winning house.

Well done and congratulations to the following two top house point scorers from each class:-

3S - Cai Newman & Emma Bevan.

3H - Ethan Bromley & Olivia Howe.

4H - Rhys Owen & Chloe Quinn.

5C - Iestyn Thomas & Morgan Jones.

5M - Molly Raybould & Caitlin Davies.

6R - Hannah Dingle & Harry Hopkins.

6S - Jessica Craddock & Jacob Lewis.

TM - Matthew Rees & Holly Bresner.

The winning house was Yellow.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Facing the challenges ahead with confidence

THIS is the last edition of The GEM of 2010 and I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

The Vale of Glamorgan is a special place and this year I received the fantastic privilege of representing our community in Parliament.

It is an absolute honour to do so and community leaders, members of the public, GEM reporters and editors all play a vital role in providing the gel that makes our community so special.

It has been a challenging year in many ways. The announcement on St Athan was disappointing but not wholly unexpected.

The state of the nation's finances with the unprecedented national debt, along with the increased costs to Metrix on the financial markets, together with security reviews unfortunately made the project in its original form unviable.

I am extremely optimistic, however, after the Defence Secretary told me that St Athan remained the preferred location to the Defence Training solution.

My planned pre-Christmas meeting with



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Liam Fox was cancelled as a result of the weather, and will now take place early in the New Year. Again, I will stress the case in favour of our communities.

The planned closure of Vale Magistrates was also disappointing and the chairman of the Barry Bench and I are to meet the Minister during early January to press the case further.

The privilege of being the MP has also put me in touch with some fantastic people who live and work in the community; those who run charitable groups supporting some of the most vulnerable in our society. Most don't want any attention and were happy to highlight how things could be done better.

I promised to work with them to make a difference. My constituency advice surgeries have also brought a huge array of cases; some tragic and others highlighting waste, incompetence and bureaucracy.

All are important and I try to leave no stone unturned to gain justice.

Only last week, I came across a young man looking after his daughter who had been let down by the system, due to the culture of distrust. I hope my intervention will help resolve the case before Christmas.

Another case is where one-to-one care is needed for a patient, yet bureaucrats seek to overrule doctors' advice. Again, someone extremely vulnerable is being let down by the system.

The year ahead is likely to be challenging, too, as a result of the state of the nation's finances that I have already mentioned.

However, we live in a special place, with very many special people and I am sure that with the right support and the best will, we can exceed our goals in new and innovative ways.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



LEFT: Jane Hutt AM at the MIND in the Vale Christmas Fair.

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns last week highlighted the Vale branch of mental health charity, Mind, in the Commons.

He was raising concerns that people with mental health illnesses don't get a fair assessment when it comes to incapacity benefit claims.

Referring to the new Work Capability Assessment (WCA) due to be introduced to assess how much and what type of work, if any, incapacity benefit claimants can do, he wanted to ensure that the failings of the current system in recognising mental health illnesses are not continued in the new scheme.

Mr Cairns pointed out that the local branch of Mind often advocates in

favour of service users at work assessment appeals, with a very high success rate.

This process demonstrated the difficulty in assessing people with mental health illnesses and he said he was keen to highlight the injustice to local people.

Mr Cairns said: "I met with Mind in the Vale before the election and promised to follow up their concerns. Many with mental health problems aren't always understood and this can lead to much greater problems with benefit assessment and the money, time and stress involved with appeal cases at a later stage."

"I specifically asked Chris Grayling MP, Minister for Employment, what action is being taken to

VALE MP VOWS TO SUPPORT MIND

ensure that for those suffering from mental health issues are treated fairly in the new work capability assessment.

"I was really pleased to hear that the Government are determined to ensure that we do everything we can to avoid people with mental health problems being wrongly diagnosed by the Work Capability Assessment process."

"The Government is already implementing many of the improvements identified by Prof Harrington, which ultimately will mean that the decision-making process is improved – ultimately making sure that more decisions are got right first time and fewer people appeal."

"I will do all I can to ensure that the Government implement

the changes to the WCA process as soon as possible, for the benefit of those who suffer from mental health issues."

Mind festive fair
MIND in the Vale held their Christmas fair at the New Jerusalem Church in Barry when, among the numerous visitors, was the AM for the Vale, Jane Hutt.

"Mind is a wonderful charity. I hope the funds raised will continue to help this important service here in the Vale which makes so much difference to people's lives," she remarked.

Police and the council to review local pub's licence

FOLLOWING a request by South Wales Police, the Vale Council's Licensing Committee has agreed "interim steps" to be put in place at the Railway Hotel, Penarth.

The move follows recent incidents of violence which occurred on the premises, resulting in five police officers requiring hospital treatment for their injuries.

A full review of the premises licence is due to take place on January 12, next year.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "The Licensing Act 2003 allows the police to trigger a fast-track process to review a premises

licence, and for the licensing authority to take necessary steps within 48 hours, pending a full review."

"South Wales Police made an application for an expedited review on Wednesday, December 15, and an interim hearing was held two days later on December 17."

She continued: "A number of interim measures were agreed pending a full hearing which, under the legislation, must be held within 28 days."

"The interim measures include restrictions on the hours alcohol can be served, increased staff on duty and a restriction on the use of small glass bottles."

Coun John Thomas, the chairman of the coun-

cil's licensing committee, said: "This is the first time the council has been asked by South Wales Police to consider an expedited review of a licensed premises and it shows we can, and will, act quickly to ensure the licensing objectives are

met. Our main concern with licensed premises is to ensure that the licensing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, preventing public nuisance, public safety and protecting children from harm are promoted," he concluded.

The Lamb's Tale...

by MARI GOODYEAR

SALLY crossed over the ford by way of a small iron bridge. She walked at a nervous pace in the quiet darkness, the only sounds were the waters running over the smooth stones and the dry leaves under foot.

She welcomed the distant lights of the local pub and the illuminated cross on the church tower.

As she crossed the graveyard towards the church, her pace quickened to the fast beat of her heart and she gave out a sigh of relief as she turned the iron ring door handle that opened the heavy door of the church and the warmth within engulfed her.

Other teachers and helpers from the village school had arrived and were putting the finishing touches to the stable scene. Baby Jesus was safely tucked into the manger and cardboard cut-outs of the ox and donkey precariously leaned against bales of hay, while the church warden with the aid of a ladder and fishing wire, hung the symbolic star.

All that was missing were the children – Mary and Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Three Wise Men and the Shepherds – they were all in the lesser hall being fitted into their costumes for the dress rehearsal, under the watchful eye of Martin Richards.

Martin was the largest boy in the fifth form, who, through 'self election' had secured himself the role of director, with Sally as his mentor. But Sally, as his teacher, had to smile, for Martin took his part as director very seriously.

He had started to wear his spectacles and to carry a clipboard – all very theatrical! Nevertheless, he rehearsed the

other children well, going over their lines, telling them where to stand, and his casting was excellent.

The nativity play was to take place the following night, on Christmas Eve, after the carol singing and the Christmas blessing from the vicar. The whole village would turn out to support the annual event, a tradition not to be missed. It was for children, by the children, and this year directed and produced by the children.

Sally, however, had to be very firm with Martin when he suggested a real donkey. "Too disruptive," she said, and a real camel, "too expensive", she explained and a real cow, "too mucky", had been her excuse, and before being asked by Martin, she said, "no to a real baby" as well.

Martin obviously went for realism in life, which Sally respected. However, she felt she should draw the line under some of his ideas, before the nativity play took on the look of Noah's Ark.

When the children were ready and in place for the dress rehearsal, Martin walked quietly from the back of the church. In his arms, he carried a wool blanket that he laid at the foot of the manger, and to the children's delight he revealed a baby lamb.

He packed some hay around it and turning to Sally he said, in a matter of fact way: "He is premature and must be kept warm." He then cued the innkeeper and the play rehearsal began.

Sally was speechless, but the children's faces said it all, so the lamb remained at the foot of the manger, and no-one challenged the director.

The very next evening after the performance had ended on that cold, dark Christmas Eve, the congregation loitered as they emerged from the church. Never had the organ sounded so true, or the singing so sweet, but the nativity play had hit a spot that sent holy shivers down the villagers' spines.

There was hardly a dry eye in the congregation when Mary delivered her tender closing lines: "The journey of life is often dark, but we have the Son of God to light the way," she said and the hay stirred and the bleat of a lamb filled the church and left the congregation in silence, reminding everyone of the vulnerability of the new born and the true meaning of Christmas.

Last to leave the church that evening were Sally and Martin, carrying arms full of costumes. Martin locked the church door behind them.

He had spent most of the evening in the vestry toilet and still looked a little pale, but Sally was glad to have his company as they walked the well-trodden path across the graveyard. The night was still, lit only by a watery moon.

In a positive way, she said: "Well done Martin, despite your stage nerves, I think that you may have found your vocation. It was an excellent production."

Martin seemed oblivious of the impact that his lamb had made upon the congregation, and Sally wasn't altogether sure that he had witnessed the closing moments of the play.

"By the way, who took the lamb home tonight?" Sally asked. "Couldn't bring him", Martin answered. "I told you, he was premature, he died last night."

Companies offer healthy options

LOCAL outdoor fitness company, Fat Loss Fit Camp, have teamed up with Da Gennaro Ristorante Italiano of High Street to offer health-conscious people of Barry and the Vale a healthy option while dining out.

Fat Loss Fit Camp provides a 'guaranteed results service' for those looking to drop weight or body fat and also get fit. They cater for all abilities and provide a support service in the form of members' only website offering full nutrition guidance, meal planning and recipes, exercise videos and members' chat forum.

Martin Haley, the owner of FLFC, said: "We have a strict nutrition regime for campers to follow but this is not a diet; it is a lifestyle change. That is how we can guarantee results of people losing a clothing size in a month if they need to."

"We have sat down with the staff at Da Gennaro, one of the most popular Italian restaurants in south Wales, and put together a healthy option wishing to stay in shape and still eat out."

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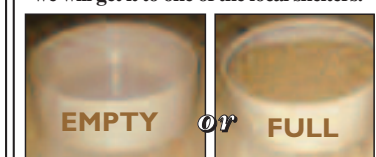
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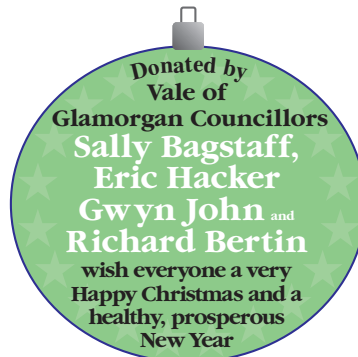
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MINUS 20 AT BASE CAMP Second time lucky as councillor hits heights on Everest

BRACKLA councillor John Spanswick recently returned from a trek to Mount Everest Base Camp, where temperatures plunged to an icy -20 degrees.

The borough councillor first tried the trek in 2006, but failed to reach Base Camp due to severe dehydration. Four years on, he completed his dream of reaching the Himalayan landmark and is on track to raise more than £2,500 for the Mayor's Civic Charity appeal fund.

A keen walker and mountaineer, he said: "The feeling when I finally made it there, was absolutely amazing. "The adventure started in Kathmandu when I boarded a 15-seater plane heading for Lukla in the foothills of the Himalayas. Lukla is known as the world's most dangerous airport as it is literally a landing strip on the side of a mountain. Very scary. "Then I faced an



eight-day walk from Lukla to Everest Base Camp, including two days of acclimatising. "Most people don't realise just what a toll this can take on your body. Being so high above sea level makes the oxygen much thinner and can cause high altitude mountain sickness, which can be life threatening.

"But I was determined to make it this time, if only to give my poor wife some peace, as she has had to listen to me

going on about it for the last four years. I have now promised to shut up and she is very happy!"

Not only did Coun Spanswick make it to Base Camp, he also climbed a part of neighbouring Kalar Pattar – until his Sherpa guide sent him back due to concerns about frostbite setting in.

He added: "The strange thing was we wore so many layers that some times we were actually too hot, but there were times when it was very, very cold. Even in our room, it was minus 2 and temperatures at night fell to minus 20."

There was a poignant moment when he built a small stone memorial at Base Camp in a tribute to his father, Doug, who passed away just three weeks before the trip.

He has returned to Bridgend, but people can still sponsor him, with all money going to the Mayor's three main charities: GLAZE, the prostate charity for Wales; Heronsbridge School; and The Stroke Association. (Telephone 01656 646534).

Death of leading Porthcawl business figure

A LEADING figure in tourism development in Porthcawl has just died.

John Bowen was the general manager of the Seabank Hotel for many years and later took over the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, also in the town.

Mr Bowen was a founder member in the 1970s of the Porthcawl Tourism Association and served as its treasurer. He lived in Porthcawl for many years and leaves a widow Pat and three children.

Former tourist chairman Chris Smart paid tribute to him: "John was very well known in the town and was active with organisations such as the Round Table and

41 Club.

"In those days, The Seabank was one of the top hotels in south Wales and was the venue for many of Porthcawl's dinner dances and balls, and as such was a focal point for social and community life in the town. John was at the heart of it."

He went on: "John was a man of great integrity, charm and humour and was an old-style hotel manager who became involved with the community. He was instrumental in promoting Porthcawl as a tourist destination."

His funeral took place on Wednesday at Margam Crematorium.

Angry Porthcawl residents want 'UDI' declaration

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Coun Aspey went on: "Council taxpayers in Porthcawl have paid for a lot of facilities to be placed elsewhere in the borough but we have nothing – no swimming pool, no sports centre, zilch. Our money has seeped away and the fear is that the profits from the regeneration will do the same.

"We could end up with just a supermarket, more new houses and no extra facilities at all."

Coun Aspey said that the regeneration scheme would result in the biggest transformation of the town since it was first developed in the 1820s.

"Once the land is gone, it's gone for ever, so it's imperative that we get maximum benefit for residents.

"BCBC are only the caretakers of this land on our behalf. It belongs to the council taxpayers, not just of Porthcawl but of the whole borough."

Coun Aspey stated that unrest could lead to demands for a community referendum into how BCBC has managed the regeneration.

"Indeed, there are people asking if we even want to remain part of BCBC at all, and should try and go it alone. Unless the council starts being more open, they could end up with a full-scale revolt on their hands."

Coun Aspey said that the feeling out on the street was that people wanted nothing more to do with BCBC.

"If a vote was held tomorrow, the vast majority would vote to break away. It only takes a group of people to kick things off and act as a

catalyst. There could be all-out war between the council and the people of this town," he warned.

Another of those ejected was Graham Walters, who is a founder of the Facebook site.

"I went along with John Howley to the forum, because of the lack of information being given to the ordinary people of the town," he said.

"We are being ignored as residents."

"We wanted to know what was going on, but they only seemed concerned about how we knew about the meeting."

However, the two men have now been invited to meet Andrew Parry Jones, who is the borough regeneration officer, to discuss their concerns.

"That's a positive step," added Mr Walters.

"I think the borough council should realise that the groups it has invited on the forum do not represent the average person in the town."

"Neither do we, but we are trying to get more people involved."

Mr Walters said that the town council should stop sitting on its hands and start putting pressure on the borough council.

"They keep saying that the regeneration is nothing to do with them but they are elected councillors and they must start demanding information on behalf of the town."

"They can make a noise and influence the borough council. They must stop copping out."

cil, said that 2011 was going to be a critical year for regeneration.

"This year will be make or break. I agree that we need to be kept fully informed and I will be proposing that we have an item on regeneration on the agenda of every meeting. That will keep it at the forefront of council business.

"We will monitor the progress of the scheme and also take the temperature of the public in Porthcawl."

A BCBC spokesman said that the forum was not a public meeting, so the public was not entitled to attend. She said that a journalist from another newspaper had been invited to attend.

When asked why a journalist from The GEM had not been invited, she said that it was believed that the reporter was invited to attend by Porthcawl SHOUT.

The GEM then asked if Porthcawl SHOUT was in fact running the forum and deciding who attended.

We again asked why invitations to the press were not sent out in the usual way to The GEM, as well as other papers, or was the council being partial as to which paper was allowed to have a representative present?

We also pointed out that the press has no special rights to attend meetings – only the same rights as the public. If we can attend, so can the public.

We have asked which piece of legislation the council is using to defend its position of excluding the public, but allowing the press to remain.

We await this further reply.

Watch out for charity scams!

AS part of a nationwide campaign, the Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in Wales and England, is giving advice to the public this Christmas to make sure their money goes only to genuine charities.

The Charity Commission advises that if you are in any doubt about a charity collector, collection bag or fundraising materials, check the charity's name and registration number.

You can find these on the Charity Commission's website at www.charitycommission.gov.uk

Always check whether a collector is wearing a proper ID badge.

Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service is coming soon to a venue near you!

Town Hall, Talbot Street, Maesteg, January 4, 10am - 6pm; January 5, 10am - 6pm; January 6, 10am - 6pm; January 7, 10am - 4pm.

Trinity Church, John Street, Porthcawl, January 5, 10am - 6pm;

January 12, 10am - 6pm; January 26, 10am - 6pm.

Mobile Donation Clinic, Tesco, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend. To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment as these donors will take priority.

Please call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk to make one. January 10, 11.15am - 1.45pm; 3.15pm - 7pm.

Mobile Donation Clinic, Tesco Stores, Castle Street, Maesteg. Please call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk to make one. January 28, 10.45am - 1.45pm; 3.15pm - 6.30pm.

For a comprehensive list of all blood donation sessions, visit www.welshblood.org.uk or call 0800 252266.

Ogmore MP's advice

HUW IRRANCA-DAVIES, MP for Ogmore, will be undertaking surgeries on Friday, January 14, 2011 between 11am and 12noon in the Aberkenfig area (telephone 01656 737777 for details).

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda.

Bridgend county borough is blanketed in snow and ice as the big freeze descends

The lake at Heol-y-Goedwig, Porthcawl.



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THE snow and ice may be a nuisance to the general public, but for photographers it is a chance to capture that special image.

Regular GEM photographers Malcolm Nugent and Mandy Thomas were out and about after the snow settled and took these striking images.

(Malcolm's are marked 'MN' and Mandy's are marked 'MT'.)



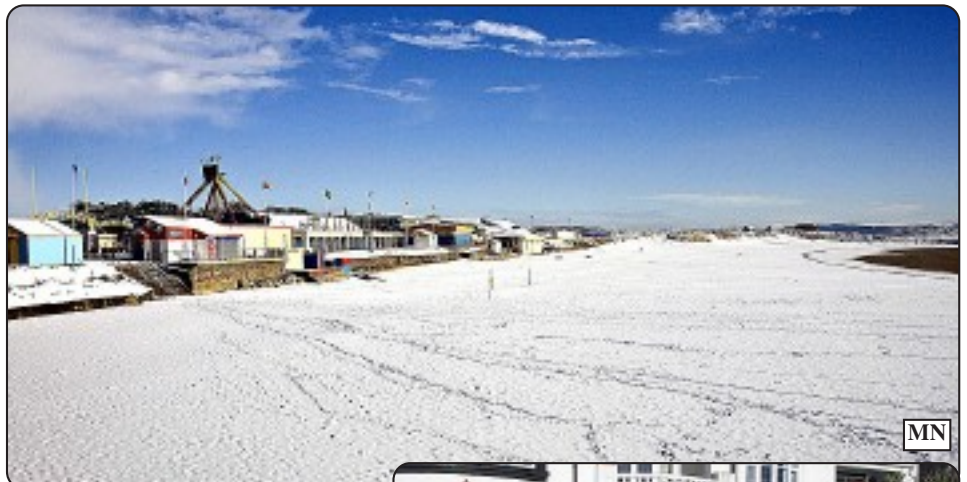
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ABOVE: Coney Beach – ready and waiting for those Christmas swimmers!



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ABOVE: A snowman on Porthcawl promenade!

Out and About with The GEM

Let Screen Talk take you through the festive minefield of the Christmas movie!

SNOW used to be a thing of joy and of wonder, allowing you to build snowmen, have snowball fights and sledge down hills; yet, the older you get, the more it becomes an inconvenience, an annoyance that puts your best laid plans to waste.

Take this column - it was due to be a review of the hotly-anticipated *Tron: Legacy*; however, tonnes of white stuff made Screen Talk just another victim of the weather.

Beaten, but not broken, it instead allowed an opportunity to look at that most timely of genres, the Christmas film, and there have been plenty.

So, in advance of the annual Screen Talk top ten films of the year, let's take a look at some of the festive flicks that really stand out at this time of year.

Elf - This tale of a human raised by elves in the North Pole, but forced to go back to America when he wreaks havoc is one of Will Ferrell's finest comedic turns.

Playing the naive but well meaning Buddy, Ferrell's innocent plays up the comedy for all its worth, whether it's thinking a store Santa is the Santa or mistaking a man of small proportions for an elf.

Jon Favreau's direction hits the spot superbly keeping the sugary schmaltz to a minimum, but this is Ferrell's film and he grasps it with both hands.

A hilarious film for both adults and children.

Home Alone - To people of a certain age, including myself, the

talent of Kevin McCallister being left at home over Christmas while his family go to France, is one of the quintessential Christmas films.

Certainly, the film could have been set at any time period, but the late John Hughes cleverly used the Christmas setting to wring maximum emotional impact when not setting up elaborate traps for two bumbling crooks.

While the spectacle came from these, Hughes and director Chris Columbus kept the emotional stakes high, with Kevin's mum desperate to get home in time to spend Christmas with her son and his relationship with the mysterious old man Marley giving a poignant feel to what is an entertaining film.

Santa Claus: The Movie - Much like Val Kilmer, Santa Claus: The Movie hasn't aged well at all. While once the mainstay of the Christmas Eve schedules, it has taken a backseat in recent years; a shame, as it is the sort of film that stays with you once you've seen it.

Having occupied many hours of my youth, the film tells the story of how Santa came into being, and then how an elf called Patch (played by the late Dudley Moore) teams up with the evil corporate toy manufacturer B.Z. (John Lithgow) to try and put Santa out of business.

With its gorgeous depictions of the North Pole and the toy workshops, the film isn't exactly a classic by any means, but with a heavy dollop of seasonal joy and a life lesson for us all, it is a wonderful film to sit back and enjoy.

It's A Wonderful Life - Hardly an original

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

choice, granted, but this is a stone cold Christmas classic, uplifting and pushing all the right buttons. The story of George Bailey (the eternal everyman James Stewart) being shown how important his life has been by the angel Clarence, is one of the most wonderful festive films - so highly regarded that it was voted the number one most powerful film of all time by the American Film Institute.

A mixed reaction welcomed it upon release, and Frank Capra's film didn't achieve recognition until it received repeated television showings in the 1970s - thankfully, one of the finest films ever made was brought back to public consciousness, and it is still as powerful today.

The Grinch - Much like *Santa Claus: The Movie*, *The Grinch* isn't exactly a classic, yet Ron Howard's direction and an immersive turn from a prosthetic-wearing Jim Carrey in the title role makes for a thoroughly diverting 100 minutes.

Based on the Dr Seuss story, it stretches the narrative of the

Grinch who stole Christmas, yet with the wonderful sets and look of the characters remaining wholly faithful to their depiction in the book. The film is a charming if lightweight watch that again does a good job of reminding us of the 'true meaning of Christmas'.

Scrooged - This twisted take on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* stars Bill Murray as a cynical television executive who is forced to look at his life after being visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present and future.

A clever update on the classic story, Murray's manic energy makes this film hugely entertaining, delivering the right mix of seasonal life lessons along with plenty of laughs.

Richard Donner's direction is superb, marrying scale to the humour, while Murray is at his best in this hilarious, yet touching, comedy.

Bad Santa - The antithesis of the usual yuletide fare, this Santa doesn't care whose been naughty or nice, rather his concerns are women, alcohol and keeping an eye on the department store he's about to rob with the aid of his accomplice.

Billy Bob Thornton is absolutely watchable in this darkly comic tale with a sweet filling, his criminal softening under the auspices of a young boy and a woman.

The script from Glenn Ficarra and John Requa is a superb mix of foul mouthed humour with a hint of sweetness lurking underneath. *Bad Santa* is an overlooked gem, though one for the older members of the family to enjoy!

The Polar Express - Robert Zemeckis' first

dalliance with motion capture (he has since gone on to make both *Beowulf* and the underwhelming *A Christmas Carol*) is notable as much for the odd looking characters as it is for its seasonal charm.

While the motion capture doesn't exactly work, with the characters (fleshed out, via technology, by Tom Hanks among others) looking cross eyed and highly unnatural, the film is an important step in the process that led to last year's *Avatar*.

With Zemeckis finding his feet, the direction is as skilled as can be, and technical shortcomings aside, it is a pretty satisfying adventure.

Now there are some honourable mentions for the likes of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, *Miracle on 34th Street* (the original, not the mawkish-beyond-words remake starring Richard Attenborough) as well as the classics such as *White Christmas* and *Holiday Inn*.

But beware any film that contains the words '*Santa Clause*' in the title - the Tim Allen-starrerers are as welcome an addition to Christmas as a big plate of sprouts, and should be given the equivalent wide berth!

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and new year, and keep your eyes peeled on January 6, when normal service will be resumed and Screen Talk will be unveiling its ten best films of 2010!

Festive stamp and gift card winners

The winners of our recent competition to win £20 worth of Post Office vouchers and a pack of festive Wallace and Gromit stamps were Brian Fisher of Dinas Powys, Mr T Whiting of Cowbridge, Jessica Cooper of Llantwit Major and Mrs Linda J Pike of Porthcawl.

Runners-up, who won a pack of the stamps were Jackie Wright, Llanmaes; Mrs E Walsh, Dinas Powys; Brenda Roe, Rhoeze;

Mrs C Thomas, Fonmon; Alice Phillips, Penarth; Mrs EV Roberts, Wenvoe; Norma Webb, Barry; H Evans, Porthcawl; Carol Brown, Barry; Pat Good, Sully; Mrs A Jinks, Miskin; Graham Thorne, St Athan; Mrs M Bradshaw, Cowbridge; Mrs A Stock, Treos; Mrs R Harris, Barry; and Mrs J Morris, Porthcawl. Congratulations to you all!

Choir's concert hailed as 'a great success'

BARRY Choral Society's Christmas concert opened with the dulcet tones of Caitlin Jones sounding the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' through All Saints Church.

During the first half, the choir performed Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* (Parts 1 and 2), a difficult work, but good preparation made for a successful performance.

The choir were joined by soloists Sue Thomson, contralto, Andrew Mathews, bass/baritone and Gareth Morris, tenor. James Bull, organist, shone in his accompaniment.

Sue's deep alto voice showed well in Panis Angelicus.

Each soloist gave a special feeling to their arias. Gareth Morris showed his amazing skill, singing the extremely difficult fast runs in the aria 'Haste Ye Shepherds'.

Before the interval, Mary Cule was presented with the programme prize, a full to overflowing Christmas hamper.

The second half of the concert concentrated on carols sung by the choir, and solos from the guest artists, accompanied on the piano by

The choir will return to their scheduled rehearsals in the New Year on Wednesday, January 12, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Crossway Methodist Church.

New members are welcome. Beryl Weale, chairman

Boxing Day swim challenge!

WHITMORE Bay Surf Life Saving Club members are once again braving the cold waters of the Bristol Channel on Boxing Day.

A club spokesman told *The GEM*: "We would like to take the opportunity to invite members of the public who wish to join us for our annual Boxing Day swim."

"We will be meeting at the Lifeguard Station Western Shelter at 11am on December 26."

"All are welcome - just bring plenty of warm clothing!"

HUNT MEET GLAMORGAN Hunt's Boxing Day meet will now be held in Cowbridge on Monday, December 27 at 11am in Arthur John's car park, North Road.

Hounds and horses will later move down the High Street.

This may be subject to review in the event of dangerous ice.

'Buy right pet at right time' urges the PDSA

WITH homes across the Vale and Bridgend decking the halls and stocking up in preparation for the festive season, PDSA is reminding us to put animals first and not buy a pet this Christmas.

'Buy the right pet at the right time' is the charity's message.

Each January, pet rescue services receive dozens of calls reporting abandoned pets.

PDSA senior veteri-

nary surgeon, Sean Wensley, said: "The novelty of a pet as a surprise gift may be exciting, but pets live for years and they need time, money and commitment."

"Thinking, feeling creatures should not be passed about as gifts, with little concern for their wellbeing."

"It is unacceptable that re-homing centres across the country are inundated with unwanted animals that have been bought as presents, then discarded only a few weeks later."

BOXING DAY BEACH CLEAN

BARRY-BASED environmental group, 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will be holding its December litter pick on Boxing Day at 2.30pm.

As a festive, 'Thank you' all volunteers will be able offered a free hot dog, mince pie, and mulled wine.

The group will be meeting at the Knap Terrace car park (by the public toilets) at 2.30pm.

and members are asked to "wrap up warm and wear suitable footwear."

Last month's litter pick at Watchtower Bay saw 17 volunteers spending a productive hour, helping to remove fishing line, plastic bottles, drinks cans, nylon rope and glass from the beach.

The co-ordinator of FoBB, Coun Rob Curtis said: "We have proved the cynics wrong ... local people do care about the state of their beaches."

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GRIFFITHS Penny

Died peacefully at home on December 18th, with her family around her.

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She clearly delighted in her grandchildren and was very involved in their lives.

Her friends will remember her for her wide range of interests and involvement in the community.

Friends are welcome to attend St James Church in Wick on Friday 7th January at 2.30pm.

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Oakfield children impress VIP visitor with festive efforts!



Jane Hutt AM with Deputy Head Jo Barnfield and pupils in year-6 with laptops.

PUPILS at Oakfield Primary School were hard at work making Christmas cards for family and friends when the Vale AM Jane Hutt popped in to admire their efforts.

"There was a real Christmas spirit

at Oakfield School with pupils enjoying their work. They were particularly proud of their Christmas cards.

"It was good to see the children working at their laptops and to see the computer equipment provided by Bryn Hafren School, which will help them in developing their IT skills," she remarked.

Mixed response for Ogmores-by-Sea housing schemes

ONE of the two applications to develop new houses in Ogmores-by-Sea has been approved by Vale planners.

They voted to approve an application from Wig Fach properties to build 83 new houses, convert an old property into two homes and create a pub in Slon Farm.

The development will take place on the site of a disused residential caravan park.

However, the approval is subject to a number of conditions, including the need for the developer to sign a section 106 agreement with the council. It would use the existing Hazelwood access

which would have to be improved.

A second application, this time from Bridgend County Borough Council, to build 84 houses on the site of the former Ogmores residential education centre, which the council owns, has been deferred.

Planning officer Rob Thomas said that while members voted against approval of the application, which was being recommended by officers, the matter was deferred to enable members to further consider the application and to come up with suggestions about why it should be refused.

A further report will now come back at a subsequent meeting, probably in February.

He said that as things now stand, that application remains undetermined.

There was huge opposition to both schemes in the village. The BCBC proposal would use Somers View as its access which led to caused protests from residents.

Objectors pointed out that the village would increase in size by 40 per cent if both schemes are approved - with the number of houses rising from the present 400 to 569.

They argue that Ogmores does not have the facilities to cope with such a big increase in population.

Carers qualify for NVQs after college courses



NVQ Care learners celebrate qualifying with Barry College principal, Kay Martin.

CARE workers in the Vale and Cardiff have received health and social care qualifications after completing NVQ courses at Barry College.

Speaking at the ceremony, college principal Kay Martin, said: "Care is one of the largest employers in Cardiff and the Vale.

"This is one of the most important areas of work we do at the college - helping people who are at work to upskill to move on and progress."

Double Dragon beer winners

THE three lucky winners of the Felinfoel Brewery competition were:

First, Steve Thorne, Cwm Talwg, Barry received 24 cans of Double Dragon.

The runners-up were Maureen Burnside, Bryntrion, Bridgend, and Sue Speed, Colwinston, received 12 cans of Double Dragon each.

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Welsh legend put on the spot



Hot shot John inspires pupils at Cynffig school



John Hartson with some of the pupils at Cynffig Comprehensive School.

CYNFFIG Comprehensive pupils were able to grill Welsh international footballer John Hartson through the medium of both Welsh and English about his aspirations as a child; his career as a footballer, and how his profession helped him to beat cancer.

Non Lewis, head of Welsh said: "John highlighted that achieving his football dream was down to his commitment and training hard every day. He left students inspired and enthused

about achieving their own ambitions – whether that is becoming a professional sports person or to follow a more academic route.

"It was a real insight into a man who has aspirations to become our national coach and pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed his warm personality and honesty. Everyone at the school would like to thank John for visiting and wish him all the best with his future health and happiness."

The question and answer session was part of 'Cyfarfod y Cymry' (Meet the Welsh) event to encourage bringing Wales into the classroom.

Jessica Day, year-13 said: "It was inspirational – it was a fantastic insight into the life of such a famous Welshman."

Ieuan Grabham, year-10 added: "I really enjoyed meeting John Hartson and it was great to understand his life and how he overcame cancer.

"I love football and enjoyed learning about how much work he had to put in to becoming a professional footballer. I know now that I need to train harder if I want to follow his footsteps!"

Cynffig Comprehensive School, Bridgend, is a thriving secondary school that caters for over 700 students aged 11-18.

BCBC WINS AWARD FOR COUNCILLOR SUPPORT



Daniel Hurford of the WLGA (between Couns Mel Nott and Huw David) plus Coun Bob Burn and officers Gary Jones (left, democratic services manager) and Ron Peverley (right, training and development manager).

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has been awarded 'charter status' by the Welsh Local Government Association for its support to elected members.

Council Leader Coun Mel Nott said: "This is a fantastic achievement for the council. The authority recognises that the role of the councillor is a demanding, busy and diverse one and offers each of the 54 members a great deal of support, training and development throughout their term.

"I believe this sends an important message to residents that we want to work with all councillors to ensure they have a clear understanding of their role, the right training to develop their skills, and the guidance and support they need to do the job."

Dave the panto cow's award!

PORHCRAWL panto cow, Dave, has beaten off all corners in a national competition to win the title of Ben & Jerry's theatrical Cow of the Year!

As a result Porthcawl Grand Pavilion theatre has won £1,000 which will go towards fixing damage from a fire earlier this year.

Dave, the rare pink and blue Friesian, who resides at the Pavilion, won the top prize for his dance skills, improvisation, stage presence, style and cow quirkiness.

A spokeswoman said: "Ben & Jerry's scoured the nation's stages for months to find the top five thespian cows, impressive enough to truly stand out in their field. Thousands voted online and all five finalists had their jazz hooves crossed in anticipation of today's result."

Dave told The GEM: "I can't believe I won! It's moooolvelous! To be crowned the winner and beat all of the other worthy panto cows has made my year!"

"I want to thank everyone for voting for me and make sure you come and see me in my starring role in Jack and the Beanstalk. All that is left to say is Moorry Christmas!"

Mark Phillips, general manager, at Porthcawl Grand Pavilion said: "This is good news for the Grand Pavilion, as there was a fire in April which caused major damage to the stage area and a number of shows and a youth theatre performance were cancelled.

"The winnings will go towards new stage curtains and a moo-ving spot light for Dave."

LOLA has a nose for sniffing out illegal immigrants

RIGHT: James Niven with Lola (left) and Wilson – the 'dream team' of detection.

LOLA the wonder dog, a four-year-old German short-haired pointer and her Bridgend-born handler, James Niven, are spearheading the drive against illegal immigrants.

Almost 500 have been detained, thanks to Lola's super-sensitive nose.

James and his four-legged friend work for Flintshire detection dog company Wagtail UK, on the UK Border Agency's work to stem the tide of displaced people trying to cross the Channel from France into Britain.

James (37), a former RAF Police dog handler said:

"Lola just has a phenomenal nose on her. We were checking lorries at Calais and she was 14 lines of lorries away from the truck she was indicating.

"We checked and it was full of wheelie bins but she was indicating the front right hand cor-



ner and inside one of the bins there was a man – she had picked up the scent from over 100 feet away.

"The most she has ever caught at one time is 17 in a container of dog food – even that didn't put her off. If they're there, Lola will find them.

Lola is one of two dogs that James uses in the Channel ports, where he is based with other Wagtail UK staff and dogs employed by the UK Border Agency.

His other dog is Wilson, a Springer Spaniel, whose powers of smell have led to the

detection of over 200 illegal immigrants, including one haul of 18 in a single container: James said: "He's up to all sorts but you don't want a docile, quiet dog for this job."

"You need a dog that will keep going, that will stick to the task, that's into everything because that's what they have to do."

James spent 12 years in the RAF, where he met Collin Singer and worked with him in Cyprus.

He also served in Northern Ireland and Belize before his final posting at RAF St Athan.

Top award for Maesteg's 'inspirational' teacher

MAESTEG Comprehensive teacher, Jan Elias, has received the University of Oxford Inspirational Teachers' Award.

First-year Oxford undergraduates were asked to nominate a teacher or careers advisor who inspired them to apply to the prestigious university, as well as fostered their passion for a particular subject or supported them through the application process.

Former Maesteg pupil Catherine Jenkins nominated Mrs Elias for the award and in the New Year, will be sent a framed University of Oxford certificate signed by vice Chancellor, Professor Andrew Hamilton, as well as book vouchers for the school.

Chair of Governors Coun Keith Edwards added: "This award recognises the effort and dedication Jan has made in inspiring many of our pupils during the course of her career. The governors have always been aware of the contribution she has made to our school and we are delighted that she has been recognised by such a prestigious university as an inspirational teacher."

Mrs Elias said: "I am delighted to have been honoured with an Inspirational teacher award from Oxford

University.

"During my career, I have been fortunate to teach many young people with enquiring minds and academic ability but it was a real privilege to teach Catherine Jenkins, who nominated me, as she is such a gifted student with a voracious appetite for learning.

"There can be no greater accolade for any

teacher than recognition by a student that we have helped to fuel their passion for a subject and encouraged them to have the highest of aspirations.

"I am so proud that Catherine felt I was instrumental in her decision to study English at Oxford and chose to nominate me for the award, which is a pinnacle of my career."

Porthcawl student called to the Bar

FORMER Porthcawl student Katie Walmsley has been presented with her diploma in Bar vocational studies at Gray's Inn on November 25.

The following day she attended a graduation ceremony at Bristol Cathedral.

Educated at Ysgol Y Ferch O'r Sger and Porthcawl Comprehensive School, she attended Swansea University to obtain her diploma in law.

Katie is the daughter of local artist Tracey Walmsley. Proud mum, Tracey, together with equally proud grandparents Yvonne and Lyn, all attended the presentation and graduation ceremonies.



ABOVE: Katie Walmsley, who has received her diploma in Bar vocational studies.

Good neighbours respond to crisis

The community spirit to the fore as snow and ice hit the borough

THIS week's Arctic-type weather brought out the 'good neighbour' in many local people.

Bridgend County Borough Council has praised the community for the way in which it has rallied around the elderly and vulnerable.

Some of the council's own care workers walked for miles through the snow early in the morning to get to the old and disabled people that they look after, and the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board has thanked its own staff and members of the public for rallying around local hospitals.

Residents owning 4x4 vehicles offered their services to ferry staff into hospitals who were unable to get there.

Other off duty staff came in to provide cover for those unable to make it because of the weather.

A spokesman for BCBC said that their dedicated home care workers have made sure that the people they look after have continued to receive visits, personal care and a hot meal.

The council's gritting crews have been working around the clock to keep the borough's main roads open.

Teams from the highway's department have been out 24 hours a day since last Thursday's snowfall keeping priority routes open and passable with care.

Hand gangs have also gritted some of the pavements and side roads in Bridgend, Maesteg, and Porthcawl town centres and parts of Pencoed as

well. Crews are also refilling the dozens of grit bins dotted around the borough so that residents and businesses can make use of the grit on side streets and paths although these have been severely depleted this week.

Staff from the street cleaning services have been redeployed to assist with snow clearance.

The council has used more than 1,000 tonnes of grit in the past week alone and more has been ordered, with delivery expected early in the new year.

Gritting teams have also been sent out to help in specific cases such as residents needing to get to hospital urgently. Staff have been digging out cars and gritting side roads so that they can attend.

In Cefn Glas, a team gritted a road so that a patient could get to hospital for urgent dialysis.

Crews have also assisted the Meals at Home service and home care staff to reach residents.

The Environment Agency has loaned the council some 4 x 4s to reach residents in valley areas who need a hot meal.

Staff from the council have also worked hard to keep the cemeteries accessible although it is up to each funeral director to decide if a funeral goes ahead especially where cemeteries are difficult for mourners to reach. The crematorium in Coychurch has remained open as well. Any postponed funerals will be re-scheduled as soon as possible.

Some of the council's

libraries and leisure buildings have been closed earlier than usual and events have been cancelled. Residents are advised to ring ahead rather than have a wasted journey.

The council has also suspended all waste and recycling collections this week, up to and including Christmas Eve, because of the dangers of icy roads.

Council leader Mel Nott said that winter was a testing time for the council and this year, difficult conditions had come earlier than usual.

"We have some well-tested procedures in place but ultimately, sometimes the weather will present us with extra problems."

The decision to cancel refuse and recycling collections was done for safety reasons: "We cannot risk our heavy collection vehicles sliding in the ice and causing damage to a property, another vehicle or, worst of all, any of our residents. That would be unforgivable."

He praised staff in all departments for their commitment: "It's easy to look at the things that are stopped or held up because of the bad weather but let's spend a moment thinking about the extra miles people are going to help another member of the community. I think they deserve our thanks."

The ABM health board has been operating co-ordination centres at each major hospital site.

A spokesman said that hospitals have experienced difficulties over the past few days because of the severe weather.

Due to some staff being unable to get into work and for the safety of patients, they have cancelled a number of outpatient clinics and will rearrange appointments as soon as possible.

The spokesman went on: "The support and commitment of our staff has been outstanding. Those staff who have been able to get in have been redeployed to priority areas. Also, many off duty staff have made their way in and offered their help and services where needed."

The spokesman said that deliveries to all hospitals had been maintained, including Maesteg, which is located on top of a steep hill.

The hospitals have been using 4 x 4s to ferry people and items around and a number of volunteers have come forward to offer the use of their own vehicles, which has been very welcome.

The board said that as a result of people offering help, difficulties had been reduced.

News from the Pencoed Comprehensive School

At end of term a chance for serious charity fundraising

BEFORE the end of term, pupils and staff at Pencoed Comprehensive School continued with their charity fundraising activities.

Children in Need was the latest whole school event, raising £593. This was raised in a variety of ways - filling in a Pudsey Bear outline with loose change, coffee morning, face-painting, selling cakes, raffles etc. A big thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Year-7 pupils collected £240 for charity by holding a Readathon. This is an annual event organised by Mr Dean Evans in the English department. The money collected is donated equally to CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation, who spend the money helping children and young people suffering from long term illnesses and injuries.

The running total over the last four years is £1,760.35. Well done to all pupils for taking part, and especially Chloe Jones who raised £80.

Following an appeal from Velindre Cancer Centre to knit chicks for their Easter appeal, Pencoed Comprehensive School decided to take up the challenge.

The Sixth Form, together with members of staff knitted and decorated more than 80 chicks which will be sent to the hospital each to be filled with an Easter egg. Last year the pupils sold 300 chicks at £1 each.

This year, they hope to sell even more. Many pupils gained new skills such as knitting and sewing during the challenge.

Sixth formers from the Interact Group of pupils who organise fund raising activities for charity, have organised a collection of toys to be placed in decorated shoe boxes.

The 15 boxes, full of toys, were taken to the Rhondda Women's Aid organisation by Matthew Sparks and Richard Poole. They will be distributed to families before Christmas.

Members of the Pencoed Sixth Form took part in their annual winter walk to raise money for their Sixth Form fund.

The winter walk has been an annual event for the past couple of years and the sixth formers gain a sense of independence by raising their own money towards events such as their summer prom.

The sixth formers trekked from Merthyr Mawr through to Porthcawl town centre, over the sand dunes and across Newton beach, a massive five mile hike.

Each member of the group dressed up to keep team morale up.

The group consisted of penguins, snowmen, babies, Christmas puddings, Mario and Luigi and two very special guests - the Queen accompanied by Prince Charles!

Not leaving the students to have all the fun, Mr Owen, head of sixth form, along with other staff members of the school, also dressed up and joined the students for the event.

So far, the sixth form have raised more than £250 and the money is still pouring in from various sponsors and students.

The day was very enjoyable and the sixth form are already thinking of other ways to raise money. A big well done to all who took part!

Staff raised £270.08 for Macmillan Cancer Relief during two coffee mornings and raised £144.50 from commission earned from Jan Lewis's jewellery sales.

Staff and pupils also donated £114 to the Poppy Appeal in November. During the term, year-11 the college group pupils raised £32.00 for the Help for Heroes campaign by washing staff cars.

Congratulations to all those pupils who represented Ysgol Pencoed in rugby, football, hockey and netball activities this term.

The school is very grateful to staff in the PE department and the pupils who give up their time for practice sessions, as well as the actual matches themselves.

Due to the inclement weather the winter sports day on December 10 was held indoors. However, that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the participants or the supporters.

Congratulations to the winners - Owain House.

Thank you very much to Mrs Rhian Yamin Ali, Miss Elinor Williams, and the pupils and staff who took part in the Christmas concert held at Salem Chapel on December 14.

This was a lovely evening thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Pupils also laid on a special concert in the afternoon for Pencoed and Llanharan OAPs.

The concert reminded us all of the special meaning of Christmas. Thank you also to Salem Chapel for allowing us the use of the chapel for the concert and the rehearsals.

Everyone who attended appreciated the hot refreshments provided by the PTA on such a cold evening. Thank you to all for kind donations to the PTA's collection towards a new school



Mrs Connick, Rhiannon Main, Zoe Phillips, Eleri Main, Mrs Smith.

mini bus.

Thank you also to Ysgol Pencoed's canteen staff for preparing such a wonderful Christmas dinner. Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the meal, as did the 'regulars' from our senior citizens lunchtime club, as well as visitors from Pencoed and Llanharan OAP club.

Guests joined in with carols sung by Ruth Jones (site manager), Christine Lacey (kitchen assistant) and David George (headteacher).

Sixth form pupils provided refreshments and helped with the clearing up. Senior citizens lunches will resume on Thursday, January 6. Please join us at 12 noon every Tuesday and Thursday during the school term.

Year-12 pupils organised a very successful Christmas fair in the school's sports hall on the last Monday of the school term, attended by our friends in the community, pupils and local primary schoolchildren. Thank you to everyone who came along and who donated items for the various stands.

Three year 10 pupils, Megan Maunder, Katie Graves and Stephanie Harris competed recently in the regional round of the ESU public speaking competition in Bridgend. Congratulations to Megan Maunder, winner of the competition.

Thank you very much to Caroline Darch, English teacher for working with the pupils on their debating skills.

The PTA remains very supportive of the school, providing much appreciated refreshments for staff and pupils during Parents' Evenings.

Everyone enjoyed the recent Christmas shopping trip to London. Staff and pupils are very appreciative of their hard work. The focus of the PTA's fundraising this year is raising money for a new school minibus.

The group of ESDGC pupils who range from year 7 to 12 have been busy recently. They managed to secure a Fair Trade hamper from The Coop in Pencoed and raffled this to raise funds for future environmental projects.

The group is also about to embark on a project with Green



Mario and Luigi!

Dragon - an environmental company based in Bridgend that works with businesses to make their operations more sustainable.

If successful, Pencoed Comprehensive School would be the first school in the area to receive the award.

A number of sapling trees have been acquired recently which will be planted on the school grounds by the Eco group and with the help of Pencoed Town Council.

However, due to the freezing weather, this has had to be postponed until after Christmas.

The group is also starting out on a project with 'Recycocool' where the pupils will be collecting used ink cartridges which will then be collected and recycled.

On Friday December 17, the Eco group also ran a cake sale to raise funds for more litter pickers.

The hope is to involve the majority of the pupils in keeping the school site tidy and when possible, moving outside the grounds into the local community to put out a clear message to Pencoed that we all need to work together to keep our environment litter-free.

Staff and pupils would like to wish everyone a 'Very Happy Christmas and New Year'.

The Entertainers
THE drama department at Pencoed Comprehensive is very busy rehearsing 'The Entertainers', an exciting new variety show featuring drama sketches and exam pieces, dance numbers and musical extracts from more than 90 students from across all the year groups.

This is the first production directed by the new director of drama,



Chloe Jones

Mrs Kay Smith, who is delighted to be working with so many talented young people at Pencoed.

"The Entertainers gives every pupil a chance to shine regardless of age or ability. Not everyone can have a leading role in a main production but with a variety show like this everyone can be involved," said Kay, who has come from the award-winning drama department in Llantwit Major school, after 14 years as head of department there.

The show opens with an explosive version of 'I've Gotta Feeling' and finishes with a moving rendition of 'Tell me it's not true' from Blood Brothers. Working with the students on the variety show has given Kay lots of ideas for the main school production and she is already sure who the future stars are:

"Being new to the school, I wanted to have an opportunity to get to know the students before choosing the main production and The Entertainers has certainly proved just how talented the Pencoed pupils are," she commented.

More than 60 pupils auditioned over three weeks for the solo roles and it has been a tremendous challenge and lots of fun staging the large company numbers.

The Entertainers promises to be a night to remember! The show is for one night only on Feb 16 2011. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 concessions. Call 01656 867100.

Pupils want more cycling to school



Chelsea, Siobhan, Sharelle and Shannon from Maesteg Comprehensive.

RECENTLY, pupils from Maesteg Comprehensive School travelled to Cardiff to show a short film that has been created to encourage children to walk and cycle to school.

The group held a conference at the Millennium Centre, before cycling to the premiere.

Pupils from Maesteg worked alongside children from Bishop of Llandaff High School in Cardiff and St Cenydd School in Caerphilly, to produce a pilot programme for an activity week that will run in 10 schools across Wales in January.

NEWS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

A busy and rewarding term for school pupils



A warm welcome for a visitor from Germany.

THIS year has been another landmark in the Sea View Lads' long history – now extending back to the middle ages on the Peterson scale.

New members have continued to come into the fold, including the welcome sight of a few more juniors, strengthening the ranks for the future.

Fishing has been good, if sporadic, with many more rays being landed locally along the shore and hounds being landed up as far as Cardiff.

The annual excursions to Weymouth, Tenby and Lanzarote were all successful, strengthening cultural links

across Europe while demonstrating the incredible consumption capacity of many members!

Notable birthdays in the year included our great leader, Alan, hitting the big 60. Few will forget him proudly demonstrating his commitment to joining the 20th century by having his first mobile phone (not sure who will explain that we are now in the 21st).

Thanks must go to Eddie for his shore comp efforts, bus pass for fundraising and general entertainment value and the slaphead twins ICA and Bobo for their never ending double act. Andy Page is this year's Christmas comp winner, after

impressive catches over both legs. He also picks up the Eddie Frost trophy after winning overall on the 19th December comp.

John Frost was narrowly pipped by ounces, missing out on his brother's trophy after having to finish early as a result of a welly full of water!

Kevin Gardner won the first leg, along with the Wyndham Page trophy, but was unable to weigh in this time around, leaving the coast clear for Andy to clean up!

While the first leg was fished in incredibly cold conditions of minus 8 degrees C, with bait freezing on the hook and ice on the line, the second

leg was relatively hot, temperatures reaching freezing briefly before dropping back to a numbing cold. Many thanks to the Peterson clan for the catering and the usual suspects for putting the club first to make sure everyone had a great apres fishing session.

Over the two matches, codling showed in small numbers, along with some dogs, while whiting as usual these days were scarce – but we had around 40 anglers brave the conditions in both legs.

Season's greetings to all and budding anglers who want to join our merry band are welcome to submit an application to join us in 2011. JC



ABOVE: The school's concert at the Memo featured all types of music.



ABOVE: Chloe Chick and Saffia Hurley.

IT has been an extremely busy time of late at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg.

Pupils have excelled at sport, have won acclaim for work within the community, raised tremendous amounts of money for charity, and welcomed guests from abroad.

The school has also showcased the talents of current and former pupils at a concert in Barry Memorial Hall to celebrate the school's 10th anniversary.

Some of the highlights of the past few weeks have included:

● Plant Mewn Angen – Pupils raised a staggering £2,800 for Children in Need. All activities were arranged by the year-12 pupils who are members of the school's charity committee.

● Herr Bodo Hofmann-Thomshewski described his visit to the school as a participant in the UK-German connection 'Host a teacher' programme as an "extraordinary, interesting experience".

He was deeply impressed by the high standard of technological equipment at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg but what he enjoyed most was the time spent in various German classes, where he found the pupils very friendly and polite.

● Since September, Aled Williams from Urdd Gobaith Cymru has been working with pupils from years 7 to 13, offering sporting opportunities out of school hours.

Recently, Chloe Chick and Saffia Hurley took part in a Sports Leadership Awards presentation in Cardiff with the aim of bidding for finance to set up a street dancing club in the Vale for Welsh speakers from primary and secondary schools.

● Year-6 enjoyed their first visit of the year to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and took part in a transition day organised by the modern foreign languages department.

● It was an honour to be present at the school's 10th anniversary concert. Celebrating the pupils' talents and reminiscing about the past 10 years was a memorable experience with staff, past head prefects, former students who are now eminent performers, and current pupils captivated the audience.

These ranged from an awesome gymnastics display, to classical solos, from powerful dramatic presentations to choral performance worthy of any national stage.

It proved to be a truly memorable afternoon for the school. MT

Roadworks report

Pontypridd Street – junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place. Colcot Road, between Winston Road and Whitewell Road, Barry – temporary traffic control.

B4265 St Athan to Barry – temporary traffic control.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School – temporary traffic control.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990 CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:
HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01253/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Proposed new first floor level to existing bungalow
Location/Lleoliad:	Glan yr Eglwys, Flemingston
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Flemingston
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01286/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Construction of a single storey annex. Extension and improvements to the front of Pleasant Cottage
Location/Lleoliad:	Pleasant Cottage, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Llantwit Major
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01298/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Alterations and extensions to pavilion to include new second floor observatory extension and new roofs, with access improvements included along with other associated works. These alterations are in association with change of use of the pavilion to mixed use, to include restaurant, shop, conference suite and auditorium/cinema.
Location/Lleoliad:	Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01340/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	New 3 bedroomed house in part of existing curtilage of Old School House
Location/Lleoliad:	Old School House, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01342/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Installation of a new external DDA compliant ramp into existing Banking Hall
Location/Lleoliad:	61, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01242/LBC
Proposal/Cynning:	Alterations and new second floor observatory extension to pavilion to include new roofs, new internal layout, building access improvements with new side entrances, lowering of ground floor, new first floor gallery and new lifts.
Location/Lleoliad:	Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01343/LBC
Proposal/Cynning:	Installation of a new external DDA compliant ramp into existing Banking Hall
Location/Lleoliad:	61, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Development that might affect the setting of a Conservation Area Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01334/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Alterations and first floor extension to existing dwelling
Location/Lleoliad:	Cross Farm Bungalow, Llysworney
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Affecting the Llysworney Conservation Area

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01240/LBC
Proposal/Cynning:	Demolition of covered yard. Reduction in height of 1.2m of concrete block-work
Location/Lleoliad:	73, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting 73 Eastgate Grade II

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01277/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Extension to existing food and green waste in-vessel composting plant
Location/Lleoliad:	Existing agricultural building situated 300m to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01287/RG3
Proposal/Cynning:	Construction of a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) - Amendment to Planning Consent
Location/Lleoliad:	2008/00492/RG3 Plot 6, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01326/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Change of Use to Use Class A1
Location/Lleoliad:	39, Park Crescent, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01336/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	New care services facility, car parking and associated works
Location/Lleoliad:	Ty Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2010/01327/FUL
Proposal/Cynning:	Ground and first floor extension to an existing dwelling
Location/Lleoliad:	Llyswen, Windmill Lane, Llanblethian

Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan Ceisiadau nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â Darpariaeth y Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2009/00946/OUT
Proposal/Cynning:	Development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1 and D2). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision
Location/Lleoliad:	Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry
Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2009/00947/OUT
Proposal/Cynning:	Development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3), retail (A1), cafes, bars and restaurants (A3), hotel (C1), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1 and D2). Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, re-grading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision
Location/Lleoliad:	Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vogl.planning-register.co.uk

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COTTRELL PARK LADIES' NEWS

The lucky prizewinners for 2010 are announced at the Christmas lunch



Sara Williams.

THE ladies of Cottrell Park were unable to play any golf on Thursday, December 9 as the course was closed due to adverse weather conditions following a heavy fall of snow.

This did not, however, prevent them enjoying their Christmas lunch at the club which was attended by 60 ladies. The prize giving followed lunch.

The prize winners were: Cup of Achievement shared by Tina Morgan and Bridget Roberts; Birdie Tree and Summer eclectic Button, Sandra Collin; GUV Medal, Lorraine Poinon-Bell; Summer League, Julia Evans; Macmillan Spoon, Lorna Monks; Dragon Brooch, Tina Morgan; LGU Breakthrough Cancer brooch, Jayne James; Golf Foundation Brooch and the Llanfair trophy, Sara Williams; Grandmothers' Trophy, Brenda Margetts; Pencarreg Cup, Carol Evans; Summer eclectic Mackintosh, Patricia Davies.

There were also prizes for the 15 stableford and the 15 medal winners.

The ladies' captain, Lorraine Poinon-Bell thanked everyone for their support throughout

the year and congratulated the prize winners.

On December 13, Jenny Knott, one of the lady members, gave a demonstration to 16 ladies on how to make petits fours.

She made it look easy, but when the ladies tried to follow her example there was great jollity with various shapes and sizes being produced and a lot of chocolate being spread about, some were more successful than others.]

However, after an industrious afternoon, all had enjoyed themselves and achieved a box of petits fours to take home.

Lorraine thanked Jenny for giving her time and the excellent demonstration, the money raised will go to her charity 'Friends of Velindre'.

The 12 hole Champagne Trot was played on December 16. Those who ventured out in the wet and cold weather were rewarded with mulled wine and mince pies served by Father Christmas in the halfway house.

The champagne was won by Margaret Thomas with 23 points and Chris John second with 22 points. CB



Jenny Knott demonstrating making petits fours.



Bridget Roberts.



Sandra Collin.



ABOVE: Patricia Davies.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr Carey Jones – Brooklands Hall, Brook Lane, St Nicholas – Retention of barn as leisure and amenity building ancillary to main house. Berkley Leisure Group – Ham Manor Residential Park, Llantwit Major – Various trees - remove overhanging limbs; cypresses; dead trees. Thinning in dense wood over stream. Pruning/re-balance yews x 2 and remove immature sycamore next to yew. Mrs Debra Frost – 27 Sully Terrace, Penarth – Amendment to approved application (2010/00244/FUL) to retain increased height of garage.

Mr and Mrs Sexton – Rock House, Chapel Terrace, Twyn Yr Ody – Two storey extension to east elevation.

Mrs Sheila A B Paine – 7 Fitzhamon Avenue, Llantwit Major – Single storey timber frame workshop to the rear. Mr Christopher Howarth – 20 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth – Amendment to approved application (2010/00072/FUL) including amendments to extension and increasing size of pool enclosure.

Mr K Shapley – Plot rear of Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road, Penarth – Erection of detached house complete with drive, turning spaces and parking area.

Mr Martin Hawkins – Land adjoining 2 Eurgan Close, Llantwit Major – Change of use to residential land adjacent to 2 Eurgan Close, including the provision of a double garage.

Mr Wayne Roderick – 58 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge – Single storey rear garden timber shed. Mr and Mrs Andrew Phillips – 9 Love Lane, Llanblethian – Two storey side extension to provide new kitchen/breakfast facilities and master bedroom, ensuite at first floor. Cowbridge Compost Limited – Existing agri-

cultural building situated 300m to the west of Llwynhelig Farm, Cowbridge – Extension to existing food and green waste in-vessel composting plant. Mr Ian Hutchenson – 123 Plymouth Road, Penarth – Rear two story extension. Mr and Mrs Jonathan Humphreys – Rhos Dawel, Treherhygill – First floor side extension and first floor dormer extension.

Mr John Lomax – 14 Sycamore Close, Dinas Powys – Construct one dwelling house in lower garden.

Mr Tom Margrain – 45 Stanwell Road, Penarth – Proposed pitched roof to bay window on front elevation replacing defective parapet wall. Existing vehicular access to be widened.

Mr Hamzelou – Homestower, Wellwood Drive, Dinas Powys – Erection of side gable and front dormer. Mr L B Evans – 44 South Road, Sully – Remove 2 pines in corner of plot.

Mrs June Rosier – Seven Oaks Fish Farm, Talygar – Extend existing dwelling. Mr G J Robbins – Marlborough Grange Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge – Proposed demolition of old barn, removal of residential caravan and replacement with prefabricated log cabin to provide residential (retirement) accommodation for Mr and Mrs G J Robbins.

Mr David Jones – Pleasant Cottage, Turkey Street, Llantwit Major – Construction of a single storey annexe. Extension and improvements to the front of Pleasant Cottage. Director of Environmental & Economic Regeneration, Vale of Glamorgan Council – Plot 6, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry – Construction of a house-hold waste recycling centre (HWRC) – amendment to planning consent 2008/00492/RG3.

Mr Damian Stokes – Quainton, 4 Meadow Lane, Penarth – Erection of single storey extension, first floor extension, new garage and demolition of existing outbuildings. Mr Peter Rogers – Bolton House, Bonvilston – Felling of Lawson cypress on boundaries. Mr Walters – Rivermouth House, 6 Main Road, Ogmere by Sea – Two storey extension. Mr Hywel Jones – 38 Plymouth Road, Penarth – Construction of artists studio and new conservatory and new timber sash windows. Openreach, Mr Deryk Green – Adjacent to Alexandra Court, The Esplanade, Penarth – New fibre optic modular cabinet. Dr Ben Mathew – 17 Cog Road, Sully – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Mike Bevan – 2 Daniel Hopkin Close, Llantwit Major – Single storey extension. Mr Carey Jones – Brooklands, Brook Lane, St Nicholas – Mixed use of buildings (B to G) within building group; buildings B to E for domestic storage, parking of cars, and B1 use; buildings F and G for keeping livestock for recreational purposes, and for storing equipment and materials used by the applicant to maintain buildings and land he owns at Brooklands Hall.

Mr Michael Wishart – Holland's Cottage, Higher End, St Athan – Single storey rear extension and associated external works. Mr Jeremy Barkway – Triloba Nursery, Peterston Super Ely – Porch extension and internal works. Maggie Knight – Penarth Pier Pavilion, Penarth – Alterations and extensions to pavilion to include new second floor observatory extension and new roofs, with access improvements included along with other associated works. These alterati-

nons are in association with change of use of the pavilion to mixed use, to include restaurant, shop, conference suite and auditorium/cinema.

Mr Stephen Thompson – 52 Clos Ogney, Llantwit Major – Double storey extension to both sides of existing dwelling, alter roof line, with store space and a photographic dark room within roof space, form new front entrance with canopy over.

Mr and Mrs Nigel Sullivan – Wharnclyff, Swanbridge Road, Sully – Alterations with an extension into the roof space to create a 3 bedroom dormer bungalow.

The Occupier – The Rectory, Peterston Super Ely – Removal of conifer screen and the pruning of trees away from overhead telephone cables, also the removal of deadwood from a poplar tree in the rear garden.

Mr and Mrs A Michael – 2 and 4 Stanwell Road, Penarth – Crown lifts to horse chestnut, lime and yew (at No 2).

Reductions to cypresses and bay at rear. Mrs H D Hurst – 40 Fairfield Road, Penarth – Rear single storey extension (works of adaptation for disabled person).

Mr Howard Gibbon – Stone Cottage, Graig Penllyn – Two storey extension to provide living room and bedroom. Ms Gail Armitage – Tyntwyd Cottage, Ystradowen – Single store extension to rear. Mr Alan Charles – 365 Barry Road, Barry – Retention of attic conversion as constructed. Mr Derek Osborn – 10 The Limes, Cowbridge – Demolition of UPVC conservatory, construction of single storey rear extension to form sitting/music room, kitchen/dining room and associated terraces/landscaping.

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2005 Civic 2.0i-VTEC 66,000 miles, cosmic grey pearl, Type-R.....	SOLD
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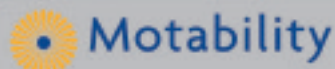


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GEM sport

HIGH HOPES FOR YOUNG HOT SHOTS PORTHCAWL UNDER-16S AIM TO MOVE ON AFTER GREAT YEAR OF RUGBY

2010 has been a fantastic year for Porthcawl under-16s (pictured right).

Many milestones have been set that future junior section age groups will look to emulate.

In March/April the young Seaweeds (as under-15s) were invited to play a district side and an English county side.

On a cold and wet evening in Banwen, they shocked Neath Schools District with superb forward play and an intelligent territorial game before running out as worthy 14-0 winners. This is the first time Neath District had been beaten by a club side.

A few weeks later, Hampshire County were touring and Bridgend District kindly asked Porthcawl if they would play one of the visiting teams.

This invitation was a great opportunity for the team to prove them-

selves against quality opposition.

The whole team played superbly and beat the county side 25-0.

Next up was the Ospreys Cup final. Preparations went very well with training at the ground (Maesteg RFC) the week before.

On the day of the final, before getting on the coach to the game, Ryan Bevington and Tom Prydie were at the club to present the team with their match jerseys.

Another superb team performance saw the young Seaweeds winning 18-0 against a previously unbeaten Aberavon Greenstars.

It was also great to see so many supporters at the ground to watch the future of the club playing. This was the first time that a Porthcawl team had won the Ospreys Cup and the boys proudly brought the cup back to the clubhouse.

As under-16s, new challenges lay ahead. The Ospreys selected a squad that includes nine Porthcawl players, the largest contingent from any side in the Ospreys region.

As well as regional rugby, this is also the year that the Boys Clubs of Wales play, and eight Porthcawl players have been selected to play for them - a club record.

The team also provided Bridgend District with 12 players who played in an inter district cup.

As reigning Ospreys regional champions, the under-16s knew that this was going to be a very competitive season, with all sides trying to take their scalp.

They were invited to play in the prestigious Reuben Morgan Memorial Sevens in Merthyr on the last Sunday in August and with teams from the Cardiff Blues and Dragons regions, this was a competitive tournament.

Missing a number of players, the Sevens squad performed superbly, were unbeaten over the day and won the tournament in style, scoring 35 tries and conceding only six.

Since their opening day success, there have been convincing victories over Burry Port, Llanishen, Bryncethin,

Ystrad Rhondda, Nantaffylon and Fairwater, and also a hard-fought win over local rivals Bridgend Athletic.

Due to the bad weather, the Ospreys Cup has not yet been played, with the first cup game now being in January/February. The team are now looking forward to their last four months of junior rugby before they embark on their end of season tour.

Squad 2010/11: Kieran Black (BD), Tom Black (Os, BCW), Declan Brown, Dan Evans, Scott Govan (Os, BCW, BD), Josh Harvey, Nick Lloyd (BD), Xavier Manasetava (BCW, BD), Thomas Matthews (BD), Iestyn Merriman (Os, BCW, BD), Huw Mitchell (BD), Tom Morris, Adam Mounce (BD), Alex Picton, Michael Rawson, Connor Rees (BD), Gareth Rees, Lloyd Stanford (BD), Ben Smith (BCW), Jack Taylor (Os, BCW), Geraint Watkin (Os), Josh White (Os), Jack Williams (Os), Emyr Wile (BD), Evan Williams (Os, BCW), Owen Wright (BCW, BD).

Symbol guide: Os (Ospreys under-16s), BCW (Boys Clubs of Wales), BD (Bridgend District).

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Porthcawl under-16s.

'Miracle Worker' Tim plots Jack's Lad's Folkestone win

JACK'S LAD, an 11-year-old chestnut gelding whose only previous success had been at Hereford back in 2004, and who was

ON AND OFF THE TURF
with BRIAN LEE

running for the first time for Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, returned

to the winners' enclosure at Folkestone last week when beating *Watergate* by three-and-a-half lengths.

Jack's Lad, who was running for the first time in more than 500 days, was ridden by Richard Johnson, who was also successful on *Triggeman* and *Only Vintage*.

Vaughan is something of an expert when it comes to scoring with jaded horses and other trainers' rejects and has been dubbed 'The Miracle Worker'.

CHRISTIAN ON MEND

NATIONAL Hunt jockey Christian Williams from Ogmore, who broke both his arms when being brought down on Beshabar in a novice chase at Cheltenham in November, is making a slow recovery.

Christian, whose younger brother Nick is

assistant trainer to Llanecarfan trainer Evan Williams, said: "It will probably be two or three months before I could get on a horse again, but my specialist said I won't be doing that if the left arm isn't better."

"I had five operations in the space of six or seven days, but my bone specialist has been pleased with the X-rays and everyone says they have done a great job with the plates in my arms."

"At the time it was a bit of a mess, but if you saw me now with long sleeves on, because I am not wearing a cast, you'd wonder what's wrong with me."

"I've been doing a fair bit of walking but I've got to be patient."

Christian is no stranger to injuries and sadly has had more than his fair share. A graduate of the Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club, he made a name for himself in point-to-points and was dubbed 'The Boy Wonder'.

Henson swaps his dancing shoes for rugby boots!



WHAT is that story about a star appearing in the east at this time of year?

Of course, London is not quite Bethlehem, but that's where a certain Mr Henson will be making his comeback for Saracens on Boxing Day.

For the reality TV star, it's a case of - 'back to reality'!

LEFT: Gavin Henson looms over Sir Tasker Watkins. The photograph was taken when Wales launched their new team strip for the autumn series.

B Attack stay top of league



B Attack.

B ATTACK maintained their commanding lead at the summit of the Bridgend Six-a-side Premier Division as Sean Graham guided them to a 2-0 win over Day Sleepers.

Croissants are doing their best to keep up the pressure as James King inspired a comfortable 5-2 victory against Persil Boys.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football league in Bridgend, can telephone 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Premier Division

Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points
B Attack	8	17	14
Croissants	8	14	11
Persil Boys FC	8	13	11
Day Sleepers	8	3	10
Hangover Heroes	8	-4	6
Blackjack	8	-11	4
The Pie Boys	8	-18	4
Division 1			
Young Exiles	8	20	15
Team Xtreme	8	6	12
Hardly Athletic	8	7	10
Inter Wildmill	7	-2	6
Laleston Lions	8	-3	6
No Tea Tonight	8	-7	6
Misfits	7	-9	6
Minter Phoenix	8	-12	1

Bridgend man to join Scorpions

SOUTH Wales club's open trials on Sunday.

Scorpions Rugby League Club will be giving training opportunities to four players who have turned out for Wales at various levels, following the

Legends' verdict

KENFIG Hill's premier gents hairdresser and Pyle RFC legend, Jeff Kent, once again purchased two copies of the much sought-after Kenfig Hill RFC junior sections calendar.

However, Jeff had one complaint - he said there were too many pictures of Kenfig Hill players in it!

Gerald O'Sullivan

Tylan Mafi, Dan Crimmins, Christopher Strick and Isaac Duffy, who are all forwards, all impressed and will be joining the Scorpions from January, initially in a training capacity but they could be offered contracts if all goes well.

Mafi, aged 28, had a trial for Celtic Crusaders in 2006 and played in the club's very first game, a friendly against Harlequins.

However injury prevented his progress at the time and he has played well with Bridgend Blue Bulls since then. An international player for Tonga under-24 in rugby union, and Wales Dragonhearts in rugby league, he is the nephew of the former Warrington star Mateaki Mafi, who was in the Tongan 1995 Rugby League World Cup squad.

Who wants to build what and where in the county borough?

KJ Herbert Insurance Ltd - 28 Commercial Street, Maesteg - part replacement signage converting the current Halifax agency site to Santander agency. R Ivey and D Tidy - Old School Court, School Terrace, North Cornelly - four three-bed houses (two detached and two semi-detached) with garages and hard-standing. Mrs Susan Thomas - car park Wickes Building Supplies Ltd, Picton Court Retail Park, Waterton, Bridgend - siting of portacabin in car park to use as barbers/hairdressers. Caerau Development Trust - land opposite 14-25 North Street, Caerau, Maesteg - create a market garden inc hard-standing, poly tunnels, fencing and a shop unit and temporary consent for storage containers. Lewistown & Pantrawel Residents - land adjacent to A4061 Main Road from Blackmill to Ogmore Vale -

siting of portacabin for community use. Next Group Plc - Unit 3, Picton Court Retail Park, Waterton, Bridgend - external alterations including new shopfront with enlarged glazing at ground and first floors, fire escape, plant compound and changes to rear. Mr J Freeman - 16 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - proposed dormer extension and pitched roofs to existing out-buildings. Mr D Rees - 33 West End Avenue, Porthcawl - proposed rear bedroom extensions and garage conversion. J & SM Webster Properties - land at Pan y Awel Road, Ogmore Vale - construction of 17 flats. Mr S Dawkes - 69 Angelton Green, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend - double storey rear side extension. Mr P Wooster - 8 Sandymeers, Porthcawl - single storey extension incorporating a kitchen/dining area and internal alterations. Mr B Hapgood - 307 New Road, Porthcawl - rear extension to extend kitchen/dining room and create a utility room, lobby entrance and wet room (all single storey). Mr N Thomas - 78 Davis Avenue, Bryncethin - single storey extension and internal alterations. Welsh Assembly Government - land at Brocstale, Bridgend - request for screening opinion for business and industrial development including buildings, roads, parking, landscaping and engineering. Ms F Page - 29 West End Avenue, Porthcawl - two storey extension with dormers to front and rear elevations. Mr G Walters - Garw Valley Tennis Club, Federation Lane, Pontycymer - erection of four floodlights columns to serve three existing tennis courts.